

November 11, 2013

Dear Veteran,

Thank you very much for your time, bravery, and sacrifice. Thanks to you we are forever free. I for one have a lot of respect for veterans like you. Thanks to you we have peace in America. Thanks to you there is justice. There are so many things that you did, and I am forever grateful. If you have served in the Coast Guard, Army, Marines, Air Force, or Navy, you should be proud of yourself because YOU have helped America. If you have served in the Vietnam, Korean, or World War II wars, I cannot imagine someone with as much bravery as you. You have sacrificed yourself for America's freedom. I shall forever cherish America's freedom. Happy Veterans' Day!!

Sincerely,

Zach Kuntz

November 11, 2013

Dear Veterans,

Today is the day that we honor your bravery to go into war and fight for our country. You and all the other members of the military are amazing and loved by everyone in our forever free country because you had the courage to bring peace to our world.

All of my respect and gratitude goes to you, the people who sacrifice getting to be with your family. All of the military members truly encourage me to help this world of ours become peaceful. You are my heroes.

Sincerely,

Hailey Weer

November 11, 2013

Dear Veteran,

Today is Veterans' Day. It's a day of remembrance. Some memories – victorious. Some – sorrowful. Many people are sad on this day. And they have a reason to be. But for us, for people who don't have a victim of war to mourn for, it's a day to salute you for your tribute to the freedom of our country. It's a day to honor you for all you've sacrificed. It's a day to be victorious for this country is still forever free. Your bravery through the indescribable scenes of war is unexplainable. Our gratitude...my gratitude...is great. You have done your part, whether you served in the Air Force, Marines, Navy, Army or the Coast Guard, we thank you for your service.

At our church, our pastor's son is fighting in Afghanistan currently. We miss him an awful lot. We keep him and all the other soldiers in our prayers.

Thank you again for your sacrifice. Because of you, we are forever free.

Sincerely,

Josie Schaurer

Forever Free

The soldiers that fought the Revolution
They were the first to fight for freedom
The fight kept on in the Civil War
And they did it to keep us free

When the First World War came around
The bravery persevered
It kept on to the Second World War
And they did it to keep us free

When the Korean War was beginning
Men volunteered for our country
Then in Vietnam they fought valiantly
And they did it to keep us free

And still today men and women are fighting
In the Army, Air Force, Marines
We thank you for your brave service
For you keep us forever free

By
Emma Hand

Forever Free

I respect you veteran for serving our country.

I respect you veteran for showing courage.

I respect you veteran for being strong.

I respect you veteran for setting us forever free.

I honor you veteran for your selflessness.

I honor you veteran for your commitment.

I honor you veteran for your loyalty.

I honor you veteran for setting us forever free.

I admire you veteran for what you have been through.

I admire you veteran for what you have sacrificed.

I admire you veteran for your relentless effort.

I admire, respect, and honor you, veteran
For setting us forever free.

By

Lily Hargrave

Forever Free

How do we show
Enough respect; enough gratitude
To the people who
Fought in a war
For us.

How do we feel
When we are in the same room as
A veteran whose name is on The Wall
Next to 58,281 other names of soldiers
Who all gave up their lives
For us.

Because they are more than veterans
They are heroes
They are not afraid to do what is right
And stand up for what they believe in
And also
For us.

They have hearts like the eagle
Brave; courageous; valiant
They fight for their country
Yet seek peace for the world
And also
For us.

Thanks to them
And the ones who died
We will be
Forever Free

By
Elizabeth Schafer

Forever Free
By Deborah Burns

Everything we have to be thankful for is because of our veterans. There are many freedoms that we enjoy day to day that we would not have, were it not for our veterans. Three of these such freedoms are freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom to a trial by jury. Many people in other nations would give anything to be allowed this amount of freedom. We, as Americans, have our veterans to thank for making us forever free.

Freedom of speech is one of the things that makes the United States a great country. Whether we agree with someone or not, we can get our opinion out there. George Washington once said, "If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." Who saved us from this ever happening? Our veterans did! We all are allowed to have an opinion and say it because of our veterans.

Freedom of religion. How many countries do not have this? Like Mitt Romney said, "Religious freedom opens a door for Americans that is closed to too many others around the world. But whether we walk through that door, and what we do with our lives after we do, is up to us." Our veterans have made sure that door has stayed open throughout the years for us. Because of you, I can worship however I want to. Since you fought, someone like Hitler does not control the world. Our religious freedom is still preserved because of you.

Freedom to a trial by jury...as Americans, we are allowed this freedom. Various countries do not permit their citizens to have this. I once read a story by a woman whose husband was a policeman. It went something like this... One day her husband pulled over a man for speeding. The man said he knew he was speeding but instead of just getting a ticket, the man insisted on have a trial. At the courthouse, he was declared guilty and he happily paid his fine. Later, her husband asked him why he wanted a trial, if he already knew he was guilty. The man replied, "I came over from Yugoslavia a few years ago. I never had the freedom to ask for a trial. Now I do. Isn't it sad how some people do not have that freedom? We are lucky to have that freedom, and we have it because of you.

All of the freedoms I have talked about (and many more) are examples of what our veterans have done for our country. They have risked everything for us. We thank you for making us forever free.

Forever Free
By Mason Dilley

We are free. We are free because of our veterans and our currently active military men and women. They are the ones who have protected us through good times and bad. Protected the freedom of the United States. The freedom I am thankful for every day. Our freedom wasn't just handed to us but earned through hard work, dedication, and bravery from our veterans. These qualities come to my mind when I think of veterans.

Our vets. You made hard sacrifices I don't think I could ever make. You left all of your friends and family to fight in foreign lands with strangers you barely knew. You defended us through hardships, struggle, and lack of resources. But you pushed through these obstacles in order to come back home to see your friends and family again. They were your drive. That is why you didn't give up. You knew in your mind that you needed to see them again. This act of bravery is appreciated by the people of the United States. You risked your own life just to save others. I don't think I could even imagine doing what you did.

I respect you for everything you did for our nation. You endured boot camp, war, harsh weather and more. You were willing to sacrifice yourself for others. Some people don't understand why we have Veterans' Day or say that it's not that important. It is important because they have protected you when you didn't even know it. They are the reason we have the freedoms that we do. I wouldn't want to live in a country where I have no freedoms. But because of what you did, I don't have to worry about that.

From the Vietnam War Memorial to Arlington Cemetery, you are honored. For all the sacrifices you have made for our country, you have represented the red, white, and blue greatly. When we had the opportunity to go on the Washington, D.C., trip in fifth grade, I didn't know really what the monuments stood for or why they were there. They stand for you. For everything you did for our country. Thank you for all you did. You truly are veterans.

Forever Free
By Dylan Kelly

Freedom is a strong word that doesn't describe many countries. Freedom is a word that describes the United States of America. You may ask yourself how we are described as a free country or how we got that word "United" in our title. The answer should be clear because how else would we be free. Somehow in this world, freedom is something hard to come by. Freedom is something that makes us a special country. And our United States veterans are what gives us that freedom.

Sometimes people forget how good they have it compared to other people. People forget that they wouldn't have what they have today without veterans. Veterans' Day is the time to remember, honor, and recognize these American heroes. Veterans' Day is the time to appreciate what you have that veterans give up. Veterans give up being home with their families, and they risk their lives so we can be with our families.

Memorials like the Vietnam Veterans Memorial were constructed to remember the ones that died for us. On this memorial there are more than 58,000 names engraved into the memorial of people who were killed. Our veterans make great sacrifices that many people wouldn't make today for our freedom, and these memorials go to show that. Veterans who couldn't be recognized should also be honored with a great level of respect and appreciation. The Tomb to The Unknown Soldier is a great symbol for those who were unidentified. These soldiers have done their part and now it is time to do ours.

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the Brave (Elmer Davis)." This quote shows that without our brave veterans raising our flag over our enemies, this country wouldn't be described as free. Free is the word that proves our independence and the word that makes us a proud country and proud of our United States veterans.