

Veterans Essay

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Dear, American Veterans

Freedom does not come free, that is something that makes me appreciate you all. Everyone who has ever served is a hero in my book from the Revolutionary War to the wars today. You have all been serving your country and risking your life so kids like me can live a happy and free life. You risked your life in the world wars and in all the others. You have died for us and you have won for us. And I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate you and I know that kids around America feel the same way. If not for you veterans we would not be the United States of America, we might be ruled by a dictator and we would not even know what freedom tastes like. You risked your lives to save the generation to come, that means you're the greatest heroes in my eyes and I hope kids around America feel the same way.

Furthermore, both of my grandfathers are army veterans and from their experience I can see how scary it can be, this helps me understand how lucky we are and that we need to cherish our veterans and we need to honor them for the sacrifice they have made for the country, that is why veterans day is so important and it should be a day of mourning for all the fallen soldiers and all the people who risked their lives to save our country and keep our freedom. Sometimes this day is disrespected. I think that we need to respect our veterans and honor the fallen.

You have saved our country time and time again, America is forever in your debt no matter how long you served or what war you served in. You are an American hero. So thank you veterans.

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What is a veteran? Is it a soldier, a person in the air force, someone fighting in the marines? That's not what they are to me. They are freedom fighters, answering the call of duty, responding to our prayers, and most importantly, they help fight for our country, the United States of America.

Through the years we have faced many challenges that we will recognize forever. One war that we have never forgotten and never will is the Revolutionary War. From 1861 to 1865 there was another war we will always remember, The Civil War. In our Union, we fought with 2,213,363 service members - over 600,000 were confederate soldiers. We also couldn't forget World War I and World War II. While these events impacted the path of many and the history of our Country, the most terrifying event that changed our lives was September 11, 2001. We pledge every day to our flag, pray for them, and salute those who have saved others lives by giving up theirs. The tragic nightmare will remind us to make our world a better place.

When Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner almost two hundred years ago, he called America "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Those words still stand strong today as they did back then. Throughout our history American soldiers, marines, air force, and coastguards have bravely answered to defend our freedom and rights. That is why we as Americans should respect our veterans and thank them for what they have done for all of us, and that is why President Dwight D.

Eisenhower said these words: "Now therefore I, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, do hereby call upon all citizens to observe Thursday, November 11th as Veterans Day. On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, on foreign shores to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that there efforts shall not be in vain."

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Let me start by saying this , Joseph Campbell once said " A hero is someone who has given His or Her life from something bigger than oneself ". This means that our veterans are heroes , not just random people that are going out and fighting for our country . They are doing much more than that . They risk their lives for us and our country , Because they care . For example My dad , My Uncle , my Grandpa ,Great Grandpa Etc... have fought in the army and marine corps . They care and they have fought for our country. They have done alot for Me,You and this country . My dad is Actually getting deployed next year to Romania For one year . I am going to miss him , But I know he will be fighting for us and our country . So they point that I am trying to teach is A Soldier or veteran is more than just someone who fights . They are people who Fight for a long time and risk their lives for us and our country . They did not have to go and fight , they could have snuggled up on the couch watching TV with their family and dog and drinking hot cocoa , but no they decided to risk their lives . Because they Care .

Freedom is never free. Soldiers and veterans dont just go out there and dig up freedom from the ground. I like to think of it as you know that phrase " Money does not grow on trees" , it is kinda like this . Freedom is like the money , you have to work for freedom just like you have to work for money at a job or working on chores . You have to work and risk your life for freedom and go

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away from your family and possibly miss your kids' first step, but people do it because they care.

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Freedom Is Never Free

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As I think about the statement "Freedom Is Never Free", I think of Veteran's Day – a day to recognize American Veterans who fought to keep America the Land of the Free. Veteran's Day is the public holiday to signify the anniversary of the end of WW1 to honor US veterans and victims of all wars. It's significant because it puts focus on remembering our nation's great patriots who were willing to make sacrifices to protect the freedom of all Americans.

As we approach Veteran's Day, I think about all the people who came before me who have fought for the freedom many take for granted. I think of the individuals serving overseas who are away from their families and daily putting themselves in harm's way. To some Veteran's Day is a day off of work, to others, it's a reminder of a friend or relative who has served or is serving in the military. To me, it's a day where I can reflect on the life of my great-grandfather, Paul Duffey, Sr. He lived in a time where working hard was the norm and he found himself putting his life on the line for his country. In 1942, he was drafted into the military and served in the Air Force. He was transferred to the Infantry and sent overseas to Germany to fight in World War II, where he witnessed the crossing of the Rhine and witnessed the death of many soldiers. Unlike many soldiers, he went on to live a long and wonderful life. However, he had some horrible memories because he never wanted to talk about what he saw or what experienced.

On this Veteran's Day, I will think of him and the sacrifices he made for my freedom. We should all take some time to think of those brave individuals who sacrificed so we can continue to live in a free country and enjoy the blessings of liberty we have as a result of their sacrifice. Freedom is never free.

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Paul Duffey and Mae Bingaman
are pictured in the early 1940s
before their marriage.



Veterans Day Essay

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Freedom never comes free. Veterans in the military work for us; they sacrifice their lives, just for the United States of America. Without them, the U.S. wouldn't be a free country. We probably wouldn't even have our own rights, our own president, our own government! But thanks to the veterans, we have freedom and our own rights. Not everyone has their own rights, along with their country. The United States is a lucky country where everybody has their own laws, rights, and choices. It might seem as if everybody is free, and the world is so peaceful. Oh trust me. Some countries don't even have a government, or can't do what they feel like doing. Some people are trapped in an unsafe country and have a weak military. I am proud to be an American. We are safe and have a strong government, military and rights. Veterans gave up their families, friends, and sacrificed their lives for us. For our rights. For our freedom. They are the reason we are free, we have a say in government, we have our own choices in life. Soldiers die for their country, just so we can have a safe and free life. We should appreciate what they do for our country. Freedom comes from war, battles, and fighting. Our military fought for our liberty and our lives. Without the United States' military, we could be owned by another country. We wouldn't be able to do what we want. We would have to work to stay alive, and have unfair laws like overpriced taxes. Because of our military, we have a choice. We wouldn't be free without our veterans. Freedom would never exist in America. Thank you for everything you do for our country. A special thanks to Grandma and Grandpa.