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United We Stand

What is a veteran? A veteran is someone who is willing to fight for their country to protect their people and their future. It is someone who is willing to go through harsh training and even harsher situations just to defend everyone around them.

I've heard the quote "United we stand, divided we fall" many times, and I've seen it many times as well. For example, the lyrics "United we stand, divided we fall" are featured in the Brotherhood of Man's "United We Stand". The same quote is said in Marvel Studios' Super Bowl 50 ad for Captain America: Civil War and on the current Missouri flag, which was adopted 110 years ago. The first flag of Missouri, though with a slight difference in design, still had the same quote stamped on it which was adopted 162 years ago! It's seen so many times, and it is a quote to show that if we work together, we can be successful. If we were to fight with one another, we would fail.

What does this have to do with our veterans?

The United States of America is an idea that our founding fathers created nearly 250 years ago, implemented it on a piece of paper, and thousands have set down their lives to defend it. This idea was something that shined a path for people all around, no matter what background they came from.

I've noticed that our nation is pulling apart, whether that be politically or socially. Examples can be seen through politics, the workplace, the entertainment we watch, a classroom, and even in people's own homes. Yet, veterans are still out there, working together to solve issues around the globe. One of the key components of being a veteran is cooperation and being united. Imagine, if instead of working together, each veteran did exactly whatever they wanted to do by themselves without any other help. Can you see how problematic that could get?

By being united, this means that we, the people, should look up to our veterans. Constantly fighting with each other isn't going to get us anywhere but failure, and instead we need to rise up together.