

## **What Does a Veteran Mean to Me?**

**Honor, courage, respect, perseverance.... are words that true veterans live by. Men and women who have served our country deserve much respect.**

**But what exactly is a veteran? In my opinion, it is someone who has served our country during times of war. A veteran is someone who was or is currently in the military. They live a discipline life so that we don't have to. They go off to war to ensure our freedom and protect our way of life.**

**They are heroes to us, but to them they are just normal people. They are modest. They don't look for publicity. They claim to just be doing their job. They state things like the real heroes are those who didn't return from the war.**

**My grandfather is a Korean War Veteran. He tells us stories about the men in his platoon. He says that out of the 47 that went into battle, only 19 came back. He says if it wasn't for the heroism of the others he wouldn't be standing here today. I am very proud of my grandfather; he is one of my biggest heroes. He wants no notoriety or fame. He was just doing his job. I admire his humility.**

**Veterans deserve our respect. They honor us with their presence. They are men of courage and discipline. We honor those who serve or who are currently serving on Veteran's Day. On that day my grandfather has the whole family have a moment of silence for his fallen comrades. Then we visit the local military cemetery to pay our respects for all the young men who died in battle.**

**In conclusion, veterans don't ask for much. They at least deserve our gratitude. They are just everyday people who were turned into soldiers. I am very proud to have so many members of my family be serving my country.**

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