

Write about a veteran you personally know, or write a thank you note to a veteran.



Dear Mommy and Daddy,
Thank you for serving in the Army and keeping us safe.

Love, Deaven Lawson, Kindergarten, Hilton Elementary School, Ms. Edwards

Dear Papaw and Uncle Andrew,
Thank you for serving in the Air Force.

Love, James Osborne, Kindergarten, Hilton Elementary School, Ms. Edwards

Dear Veterans,
Thank you for being brave, for saving the United States. I hope you see your family soon. I hope you are safe until you come home.

Braylie Chaffin, 1st grade, Hilton Elementary School, Mrs. Light

My papaw is a veteran. He is my hero because he got shot two times in both legs and he got the Purple Heart. He got shot in Vietnam. I'm lucky he is still alive.

Parker Jenkins, 2nd grade, Hilton Elementary School, Mrs. Rhoton

I thank all the veterans. I have an uncle that was in the Navy. I have a great-grandfather who fought in World War II. My uncle Tree was in the Navy. He quit so he could be with my cousin, Cavin. My great-grandfather, Carson, fought in World War II. That is how I got my name, Karson. He died before I was born. So I love all veterans, but those two are special to me.

Karson Osborne, 4th grade, Miller Perry Elementary School, Ms. Jeffers

Thank you veterans for protecting me and my country. First, Veterans Day is not just about the men and women who died or have been in a war, but those who are willing to serve in the armed forces. My grandpa was in the Air Force during WW II, and thank God he is still alive. Just a few weeks ago a veteran came to our school to show us pictures when he was in Afghanistan. Now you know that by far veterans are some of the most respected men and woman ever.

Caleb Harrison Spurling, 4th grade, Miller Perry Elementary School, Ms. Jeffers

One of the amazing veterans in my family is my Uncle Shorty Alley. He was in the Vietnam War from 1968-1970. He was positioned in Mekong Delta, which is in the western region of Vietnam, and Saigon, which is in the southern region of Vietnam. He was in the 5th and 42nd artillery. The gun they used were 155 howitzers. My uncle Shorty Alley is one of the millions of army veterans that risked their lives in the Vietnam War. I am so proud of him and everybody else that fought for our country.

Logan Cassidy, 5th grade, Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Webb

My favorite veteran is my papaw. He served in the Korean War. He drove and picked up injured veterans. He also fought a little bit. He is my favorite veteran. I am really proud of my papaw and thank him for serving our country.

Michael Clifton, 5th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

This Veterans Day, I want to thank someone who was very special to me, my great-grandfather. My great-grandfather, Lloyd Tate, used his life to encourage others, but he also risked his life for our country. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. One interesting fact about him is that a Japanese torpedo came aboard his ship, but thankfully it never went off. Therefore, if the torpedo had gone off, I wouldn't be here today because my papaw, his son, was not born yet. I am very thankful for my great-grandfather being in the Navy.

Abigail Tate, 5th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

My papa is a veteran who served the army for 20 years and fought at Vietnam.

Thank you, papa, for serving my country. Also, my great-grampa was at Pearl Harbor during the bombing. Thank you for serving my country. And in the end I want to thank every veteran that has served this country.

Brodie White, 5th grade, Nickelsville Elementary School, Mrs. Fraley

I thank my papaw, James Harvey Cooper, for serving in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed most of the time in Vietnam. He served four years. I am so thankful that he did not get hurt in the war. I thank all the veterans out there who sacrificed their lives for us to live today.

Cooper Beeler, 6th grade, Elydale Elementary School, Mrs. Lisa/Ms. Jones

Thank you so much for fighting for our country's pride. Thank you for risking your life to save the men, women, and children of America. Thank you for going to other countries and helping all the people in need. Thank you for going off to war knowing you might not win and you might get captured, but you still do it for us. Thank you for everything you have done and thank you for your service.

Cameron Grabeel, 6th grade, Elydale Elementary School, Mrs. Lisa/Ms. Jones



This Veterans Day, I want to say a big thank you to my great-grandfather. He fought in the Korean War. When he was eighteen, he wanted to fight in a war. My great-grandfather trained for a long time to prepare for the war. He took a train from Johnson City, Tennessee all the way to Seattle, Washington before heading off to war. I'm glad my great-grandfather served for our country.

Hailey Miller, 6th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

Thank you, Dad, for your service in the military has a big impact on the world. I was very glad that you didn't get hurt during your service. If you had gotten hurt, you probably wouldn't be alive. Thank you for your service and everything you do for me.

Gracie Parker, 6th grade, Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Sanders

This Veterans Day, I want to say thank you to my papaw. I'm writing a thank you note to my papaw because he served in the Army during Vietnam War. Part of his job was flying a helicopter. He served in Vietnam for seven years. I just want him to know how much I appreciate his service.

Hayden Sams, 6th grade, Yuma Elementary School, Ms. Mullins

Dear Veteran,
I hope I can express how much I respect you. I feel that you have to be very VERY brave to fight for your country. I think it's very respectful to run into battle. We all respect and thank you for what you have done or are currently doing. We all respect you very VERY much. Thank you.

Drake Stokes, 6th grade, Weber City Elementary School, Mrs. Sanders

I would like to say thank you for everything you have ever done. Thank you for serving our country and helping keep us safe. I don't know how to thank you, because I am so grateful for everything you do. It is hard to put into words. I know I couldn't do it, but your actions really make me feel loved. It must be hard to leave your family and hard on them, too. So, I'm thanking you and your family. Going out and risking your life everyday must be hard to do. I probably couldn't do it, but there are brave, amazing, heroic people out there like you. Thank you and your family for everything. I really appreciate it.

Love, Debra Hall, 7th grade, Powell Valley Middle School, Ms. Johnson

I would like to say thank you to all of the veterans who have served our country. They are so important to us because they're the ones who have risked their life to help keep our country safe on a day-to-day basis. They go the extra mile to make sure their families and the public are protected. I just want to say I am thankful to have people like you in the world.

Ashlynn Carr, 8th grade, Surgoinsville Middle School, Mrs. Hensley

This is a thank you note to all the veterans in the country. I thank you for serving our country and risking your life. I'm very grateful that you protected us; you've let my family live in peace and tranquility. This country honors and loves you for doing what you had to do to give us our freedom. I honor all of the veterans in this country a lot because my grandfather and my great-grandfather served in the army.

Aiden Evans, 8th grade, Surgoinsville Middle School, Mrs. Hensley

The veterans of this country deserve a huge thank you. They fight for the freedoms we frequently take for granted. Things like a free public education, or praying. These are things rarely thought about by the American people. So thank you to our veterans for all you do and have done.

Cody Lane, 8th grade, Pennington Middle School, Mrs. Clark/Mrs. Edwards

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