

Noonan Academy celebrated a Mass on
Friday, November 9, 2018
honoring our veterans.

It was a privilege for our students, our staff,
and our family members to sit side by side
with these heroes.

It is an honor to thank you for serving our country.



*The American flag does not fly because the wind moves past it...
The American flag flies from the last breath of each military
member who has died protecting it.*

- Amen

*“A nation reveals itself not only by the citizens it produces,
but also by the citizens it honors,
the citizens it remembers.”*

President, John F. Kennedy

On November 9, 2018, Noonan Elementary Academy's junior high gym was jam-packed with students, staff, family, and veterans.

You could hear a pin drop in the gym as the veterans marched down the aisle.

Ms. Yukich and our NEA students sang "America the Beautiful."

Immediately following the song, everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang You're a Grand Old Flag.

Father Becker blessed each veteran.

Mr. Dunn presented a gift and a spiritual bouquet to each veteran.

In addition, a Mass of celebration was held.

Overall, the day was touching for everyone.



Our Guests Veterans Heroes

Branch	Rank	Name	Served	Served In
Air Force	Lt. Colonel	John Bryk	1983-Present	35 YEARS! ALL OVER
Army	Sergeant	Michael Santoyo	2009-2016	1 COMBAT TOUR IN AFGHANISTAN
Army	Sergeant	Jordan Mitchell	2009-2018	ALL OVER; FT. BRAG
IL Natl Guard	Captain	Rudy Christian	1988-2001	IL/PANAMA
Navy	Petty Officer 3rd Class	Chris Thomsen	1997-2001	SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND, CA
Army	Sergeant	Cindy Bohannon	2009-Present	RESERVIST
Army	Specialist 4th Class	Wincelaus Podbielski	1957-1959	GERMANY
Army	Staff Sergeant	William Groos	1968-1974	STATESIDE DURING VIET NAM
Army	Staff Sergeant	Elliot Villareal	1975-1999	STATESIDE
Marines	Corporal	William Olson Sr.	1966-1968	VIETNAM
Army	Specialist 4	Frank Kuzniewski	1964-1966	GERMANY
Marines	Lance Corporal	Carl Nunnally	1957-1961	MEDITERRANEAN / CARIBBEAN
Marines	Sergeant	Christine Semanovich	3 Years	ARLINGTON, VA
Marines	Master Sergeant	James L. Semanovich	25 Years	2 TOURS OF JAPAN
Army	Sergeant	Jim Schlegel	1968-1970	VIETNAM
Navy	E5	Carl Kopecky	2007-2012	IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN
Army	Sergeant E5	Jack Edwards	1968-1971	CAMBODIA, GERMANY

Unable to Attend:

Army		Daniel Eddleman	Present	FT. BENNING, GA
		Randy Cook		
Navy	Chief Petty Officer	Dana Johnson	1979-2000	JAPAN, HI, CA
Navy	2nd Class Petty Officer	Robert Cook	1979-2002	JAPAN/SPAIN



Veteran's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,
Today we honor our veterans,
worthy men and women
who gave their best
when they were called upon
to serve and protect their country.

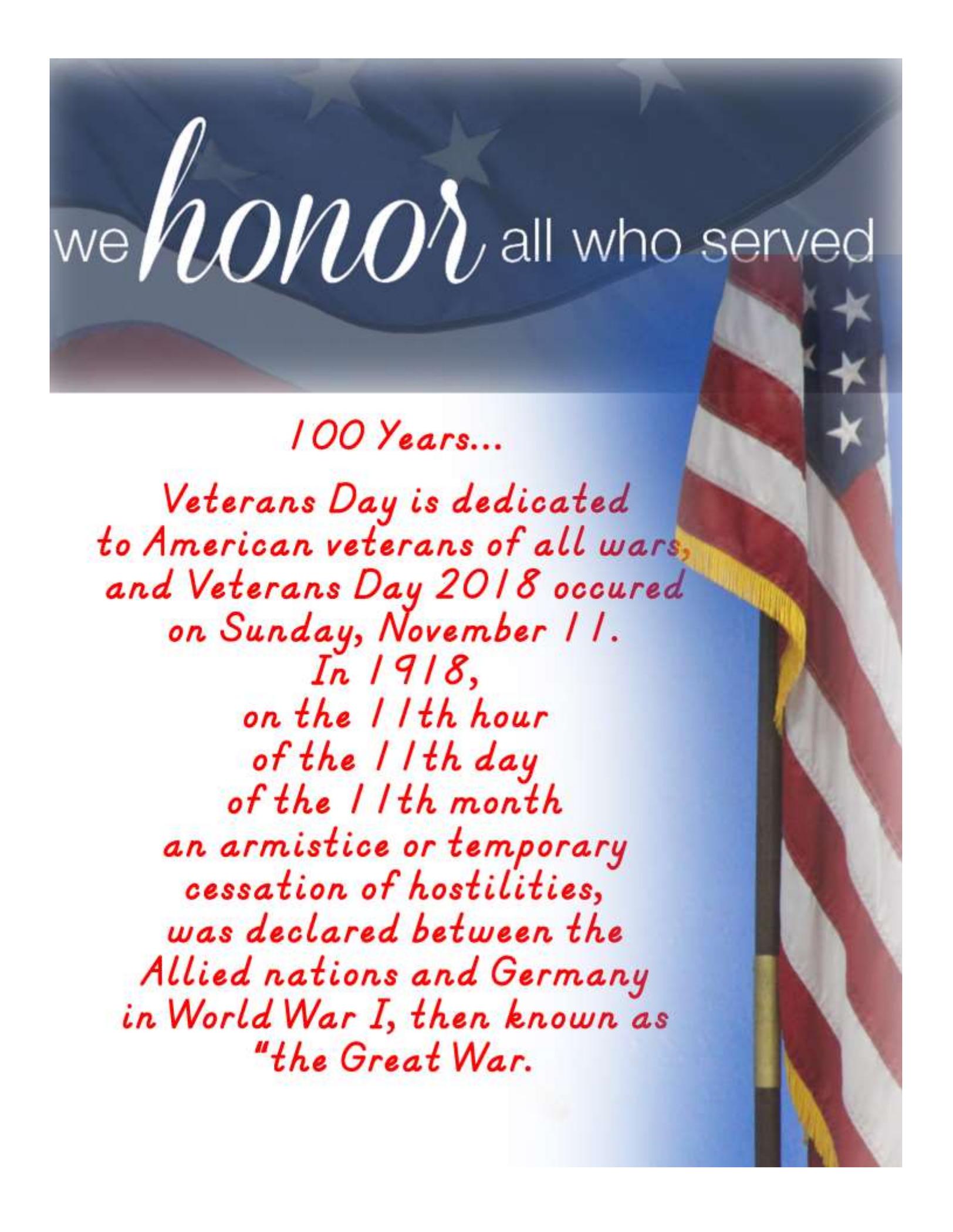
We pray that you will bless them, Lord,
for their unselfish service
in the continual struggle
to preserve our freedoms, our safety,
and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly
for the hardships they faced,
for the sacrifices they made
for their many different contributions
to America's victories
over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them,
we honor them, we are proud of them,
and we pray that you will watch over
these special people
and bless them with peace and happiness.
In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

Today, let us remember all of the veterans that sacrificed so much
to keep our country safe. God bless all of our troops and may
He watch over them forever.

(by [Joanna Fuchs](#))

The background of the entire image is a close-up of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The top portion is a dark blue field with white stars, and the bottom portion shows the red and white stripes. The text is overlaid on this background.

we *honor* all who served

100 Years...

Veterans Day is dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2018 occurred on Sunday, November 11.

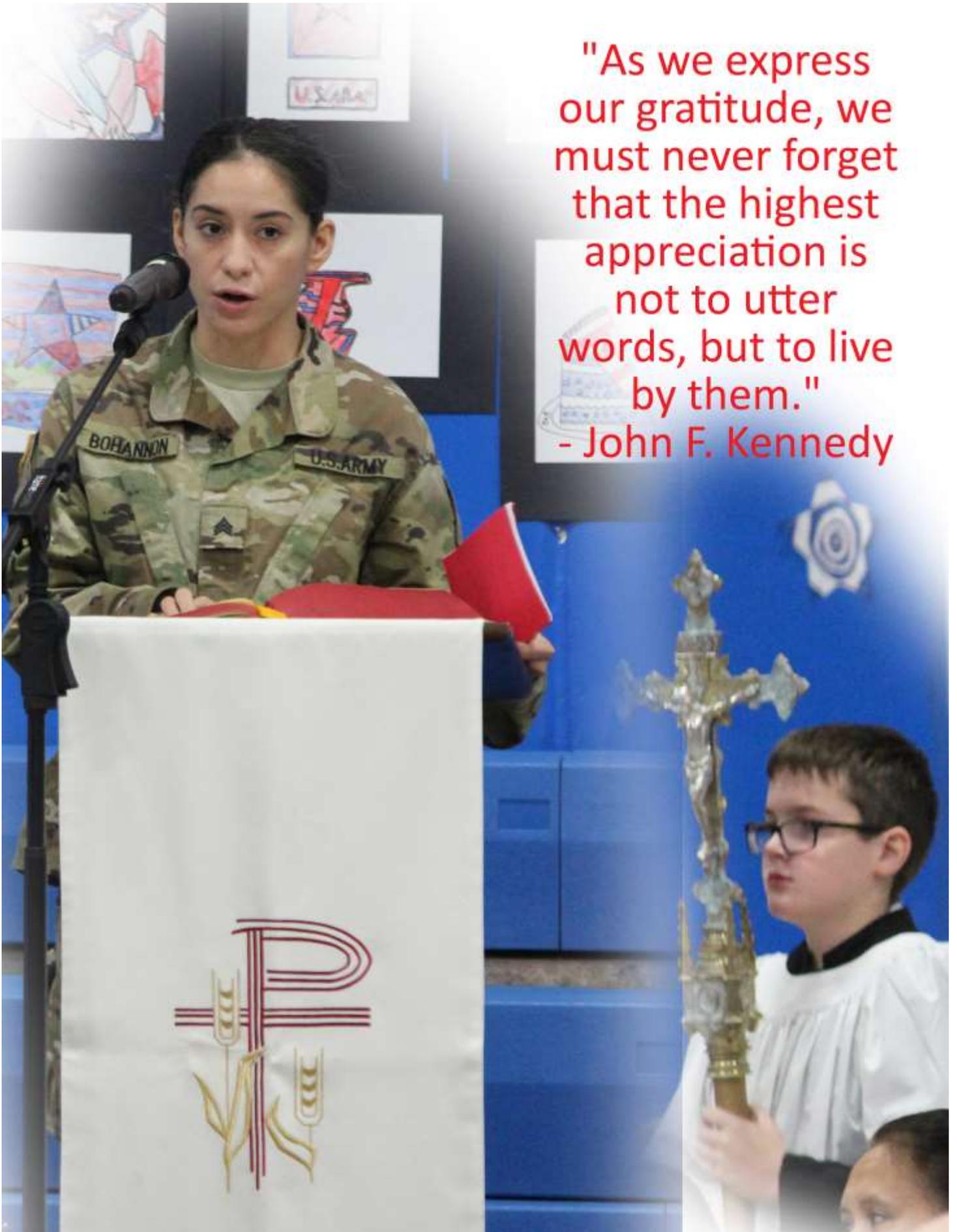
*In 1918,
on the 11th hour
of the 11th day
of the 11th month
an armistice or temporary
cessation of hostilities,
was declared between the
Allied nations and Germany
in World War I, then known as
"the Great War."*

Every Veteran is a Hero

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O, Prince of the heavenly host cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."
- John F. Kennedy



Keynote Speaker
Lieutenant Colonel John Bryk

Courage is contagious.
When a brave man takes a stand,
the spines of others
are often stiffened.
~ Billy Graham



HONORING OUR VETERANS



Sometimes the toughest parts aren't the life-threatening moments, they are the life-altering ones.

The missed birthdays, holidays, births, deaths, graduations, proms, weddings, etc...



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Heroes
don't wear
*cap*es or *tights*
they wear
dog tags
and
combat boots

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THANK YOU



{ For your service, sacrifice and patriotism. }

“Confidence... thrives on honesty, on honor, on the sacredness of obligations, on faithful protection, and on unselfish performance.

Without them it cannot live.”

— Franklin D. Roosevelt





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Thank You for Your Service

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O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with
brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.



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Thank You for Your Service

Dear Lord,
Hold our troops in Your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless
acts they perform for us in our time of need.
Amen



There are no words big enough.
There are no hugs strong enough.
There is no smile wide enough.
All we can offer is a big thank you.

You are our hero.
You are in our thoughts.
You are in our prayers.
For all you have done,
thank you!



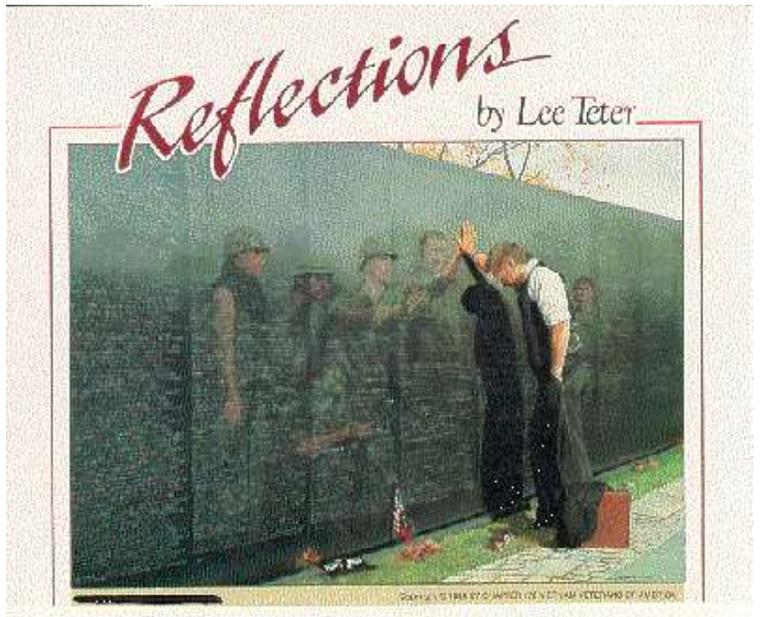


Freedom Isn't Free

by
Kelly Strong

I watched the flag pass by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze;
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform,
So young, so tall, so proud;
With hair cut square and eyes alert,
He'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought... how many men like him
Had fallen through the years?
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down
How many died at sea
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves
No, Freedom is not Free.
I heard the sound of Taps one night,
When everything was still;
I listened to the bugler play,
And felt a sudden chill;
I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend;
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons, and husbands.
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No. Freedom is not Free!

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God Bless America



Only two defining forces
have ever offered to die for
you

Jesus Christ and the
American Soldier

One died for your soul
the other died for your
freedom

