

## **Why are Veterans Special?**

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Veterans are defined as anybody who served in the military. In the United States, our veterans are special because they have made many sacrifices to serve and protect our lives and freedoms. They are willing to die to protect our rights and free choices that we get to make every day. Our veterans still continue to serve even after they are discharged or retired from their branches. They are always ready to answer the call no matter how big or small the needs are. For example, some of these veterans are still serving others in their own special ways or in the community that they reside, from local food banks to church groups, etc.

Another reason that our veterans are special is because they are willing to help each other during and even after they get out of service. They have taken an oath to always have each other's back on and off the field. They will always be there for one another even though it might interrupt their lives. It is this selfless act that makes them even more special and more bonded to each other.

While our veterans are still in the service, they receive a lot of valuable training that is not only beneficial for their current jobs in the military but also useful and helpful to our society once they finish their terms of service. Many veterans, once they get out of the service, have signed up to be policemen, fire fighters, school teachers, etc. Many have contributed to our society and become model citizens.

Our veterans have protected and honored our country through their bravery and sacrifices, so it is our duty to honor and respect every veteran. We must give thanks to those men and women who are always ready to lay down their lives to protect our rights and freedoms, not only on Veterans Day but also in our everyday day.