



LETTER TO OUR VETERANS

We would like to say “Thank You” to the men and women who have worn this nation's uniform. More importantly, we join together to thank them for their service and their devotion to duty. We want you to know that Georgia DAV Auxiliary “remembers”. We do not forget that we owe all veterans, even those that never lived to wear the title "veteran”, and today’s military, our very way of life, our freedom to live, work and raise our families as we please. We know that we can never pay you back. We know that freedom is not free. The very least we can do is to honor your sacrifices, and thank you for all that you have done for this great country.

President Ronald Reagan once said, "Most of those who died in defense of our country were boys when they died, and they gave up two lives - the one they were living, and the one they would have lived. They gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers.... They gave up everything for their country, for us. All we can do is remember."

As DAV Auxiliary members, our focus changed, we now realize that we can do more than just “remember”, our eyes are opened, and we begin to Stand up for Veterans by writing letters to congress, letting the world know we are committed to giving back to the men and women for their sacrifices and the sacrifices their families have made. We can see that military service has given these men and women a sense of commitment that lasts a lifetime. Whether they wore the uniform in wartime or peacetime, it has created a bond of loyalty, respect and a sense of responsibility. The Department Of Georgia DAV Auxiliary can understand the price of freedom, because they can put a face with names. It’s really bad that the nation can’t understand this price.

Today and every day the Department of Georgia DAV Auxiliary salutes you. You are a part of a select few Americans who stood up to answer the call to defend our nation during difficult times. You fought for people who you have never met and may never meet. You did what I and so many others could not do.

You are our unsung heroes.

Sincerely,

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