

Dearest Veteran,

Where does one begin in expressing a truly heartfelt and deserving “Thank You”? I am a fellow Naval Veteran and am honored to have been able to follow in your footsteps in protecting this land we love. So many times throughout my life I have seen and heard those not honoring our men and women, who fought bravely and some even gave their lives just to give them the freedom to be able to say and act the way they do.

I never had to serve in harm’s way during my twenty year career in the way many of you did. I can only imagine the pain and suffering, and even the horror you may have had to endure. So for this commitment, and courage I want you to know you are not forgotten and I for one will always remember and “THANK YOU” for your greatest service to our Country!!! It is men and women like you who showed me and my fellow shipmates of today what we need to do to continue your great legacy.

These words and this letter are not nearly enough to honor you and thank you, but I hope they can bring you some peace in knowing your sacrifices are not and will not be forgotten!!

May “GOD” Bless you!!

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