

Dear Sir,

I never really imagined myself ever joining the military - it all just kind of happened. I never fully grasped the true meaning of patriotism or pride for one's country until I was educated through history lessons and real world experiences. I now know what it is to serve with honor, pride, and dignity because of those who have gone before me to pave the way.

You will NEVER be forgotten and it is my obligation as a fellow veteran to continue to contribute to our great nation in place of those who couldn't make it home. It is my obligation to ALWAYS remember and acknowledge those who have come before me because without them I would be unable to write these words. I pray that this letter can offer peace to those that have served their country.

God bless you and thank you for your service.

Respectfully,

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