



May God Bless and protect you and your family in all that you do. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve and protect all of us.

-Gay H. in Lexington, N.C.

You are in my prayers always for protection and God's loving hands over you. I am so thankful for what you do to keep the USA safe and free.

-Georgie B. in Aberdeen, N.C.

Bless you! Thank you for the sacrifices you make to protect the freedoms we enjoy. My prayer is that God will watch over you and keep you out of harms way and bring you safely back home to those who love you!

-Gayle C. in Rockingham, N.C.

I am so proud of our current and past soldiers. Having served in the Army in Viet Nam, I know how it feels to be so far from home. It is these men and women who keep us free and living in the best nation in the world. Our soldiers who serve in the United States are also key to our maintaining our freedom. I want to say thanks to all who have or are serving our nation no matter their current location.

-Gerald B. in Raleigh, N.C.

Dear American Freedom Fighter: I sit here in the USA a free man today because of you and your fellow soldiers. I can never repay you for what you are doing to protect our way of life, but I can thank you and let you know that you and your family have my total support and prayers. You are a REAL American hero. May God bless you and protect you.

-Gary H. in Raleigh, N.C.

May God bless you. Thank you for all you do for our country. You will remain in my prayers. Peace.

-Glenda H. in Charlotte, N.C.

Words cannot describe the love, support, pride and prayers I convey to all of you who are so willing to put your lives on the line for our freedom. May God Bless you and Protect you always. You are all heroes!

-Doris F. in Swannanoa, N.C.

I want to thank you for putting your life on the line everyday for my safety and well being. Each and everyone of you are in my prayers everyday. May God bless each and everyone of you.

-Gary A. in Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

Hi, I want to say thank you for your service to our country. Because of your bravery and commitment we all here in the United States can enjoy our most wonderful right of freedom. My prayers and best wishes that you stay safe and return home soon. - Florence R-S. in Baltimore, MD

I am grateful for your sacrifice.

-David P. in Burlington, N.C.

We know that you endure many hardships to defend our country and we are most grateful. Our freedom is precious and through your efforts we enjoy many freedoms that other countries do not have. We pray that God will bless you and keep you safe and return you to your families soon. Thank you!

-Furman R. in High Point, N.C.

Hello from N.C., I just want you to know that we are always thinking of you and your devotion to the U.S.A. I appreciate ALL that you do for our country. You are very special and I know God is with you. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. I can only imagine how difficult it must be at times but I am sure it can be rewarding as well. May God Bless you and keep you safe!

-Gary D. in N.C.

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate what you are doing to protect us and our freedom. You and your family's sacrifice is the greatest gift you can give to America. Please know that you are in our prayers for wisdom and safety as you perform your duty. I don't know if you will receive my email address with this note, but if you do, and there is anything I can do for you or your family, please let me know. God Bless you and God Bless America!

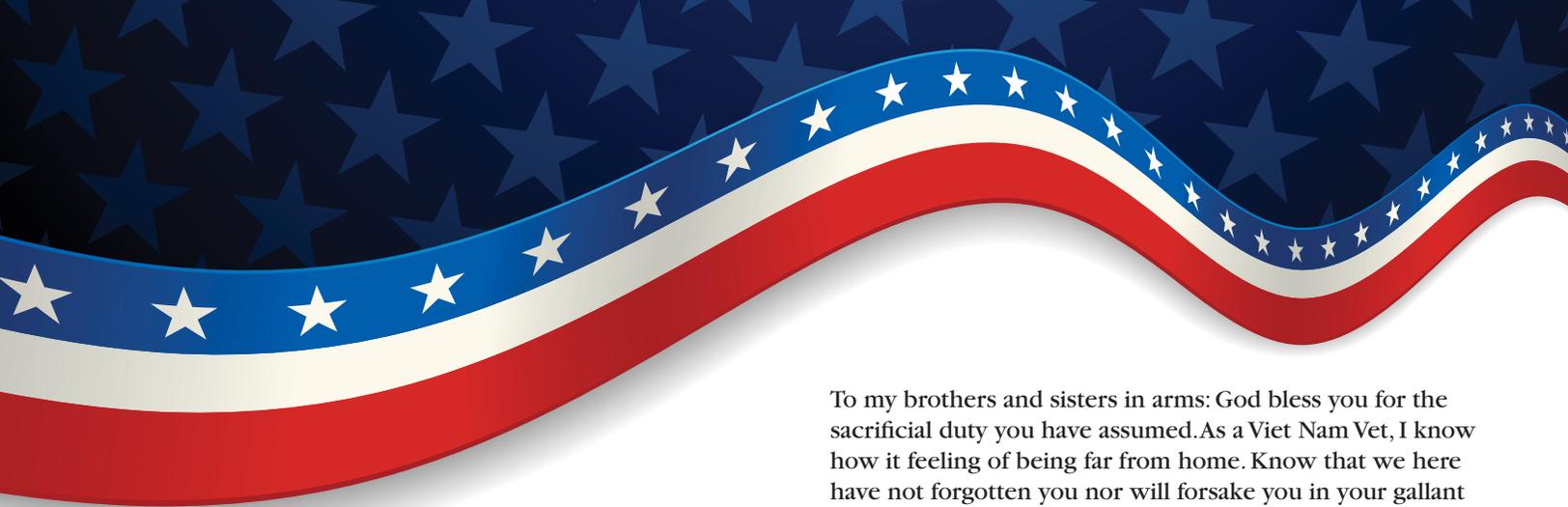
-Gary Cooper in Charlotte, N.C.

Thanks for all you do!

-Kimbrell in Abingdon, VA

My husband and I wish to thank you for giving of yourself to secure our freedom. We are blessed to have this freedom while you are giving up so much. We pray for your safety and a quick return home. My husband, Gary, is a Viet Nam veteran, he understands. Blessings.

-Jill R. in Hickory, N.C.



To all the service men and women of the USA. On behalf of this Australian (whose mum is American) Keep the faith, You are to be praised. Keep up the fight and we're behind you all the way. We'll raise a toast in your name and may you stay safe and come home as soon as you can. God Bless America.

-Glen T. in Australia

Thank for protecting the freedoms of my family, friends, and nation. May God provide a hedge of protection around you as you perform your duties. You are not forgotten and are remembered in prayers throughout this state and the country. Return home safely to your family and loved ones.

-Glenda in N.C.

We thank God for you and we deeply appreciate the sacrifices you are making for your county. Never believe that the people of America are not supporting you and your efforts.

-LaVerne G. in Cary, N.C.

A note to say thank you seems very slight when I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all that you do to keep our country safe and secure. I have a relative serving in Afghanistan so I am aware of what some of you are going through. Thank you, thank you!

-Gail M. in Greensboro, N.C.

Our son served in Desert Storm. We thank you continuing to defend and protect our freedoms wherever you may be. You and your families are in our prayers.

-Nancy Y. in Gibsonville, N.C.

I would like to thank all the Service Men and Women that are serving our country to keep us safe. I pray that each one of you will come home safe to your family's. May God be with you and keep you safe.

-Mary J. in Greensboro, N.C.

Thank you for all you do to keep everyone at home safe. We do appreciate it and thank you for the sacrifices you've made.

-Stacy O. in East Boothbay, ME

To my brothers and sisters in arms: God bless you for the sacrificial duty you have assumed. As a Viet Nam Vet, I know how it feeling of being far from home. Know that we here have not forgotten you nor will forsake you in your gallant service. I pray for peace and protection for you daily.

-Gene G. in Troy, N.C.

You are all angels that watch over us and our GREAT Country. You all should be praised every second of every day for the sacrifices you make and those that your families back home endure as well. I lost a family friend last August to this war, but he loved what he was doing and is in a greater place now. He was only 20 years old and just beginning his life. I'm not one to talk to strangers but when I see a soldier out and about, I make a point to say hello and thank you. It is usually said with a cracking voice and tear filled eyes. I can barely get the words out but you are all very loved and appreciated for what you do to protect our liberties. Thank you doesn't seem quite enough but Thank you anyway. Stay safe and know each of you are special angels to us all.

-Kim G. in Roxboro, N.C.

Our grandfathers served in WWI, our fathers served in WWII. My brothers served in Vietnam and in Desert Storm. We know first hand what you do every day to secure our freedom and help your fellow soldiers deal with the stress of your every day life. Please know that everyone we know has each of you in their prayers, every day. We want to thank YOU for your service. We truly know that what you do makes a difference in our lives, freedom and day-to-day choices. Come home safely and soon.

-Patti & Steve G. in Sylva, N.C.

Even though we have not met, I just wanted to say thank you for serving and protecting the United States and for fighting for our many freedoms. May God keep you safe and bring you home to those who love you. God bless you.

-Joy E. in Greensboro, N.C.

Thank you for your service to our country, to the people of the countries in which you serve, and to all of us here at home. You are much appreciated.

-Gwynne T. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Just wanted to say a HUGE "THANKS" for fighting for all of our freedoms. All of you are true heroes. I salute each and every one of you! God Bless you and protect you always!

-Gerri W. in Hertford, N.C.



Thank you for serving our country and giving us the right to be free.

-Anonymous

Thank you for your service to our great nation. Come home soon and let us celebrate your return!

-Anonymous

Thank You!

-Warren H. in Charlottesville, VA

Thanks is just not a big enough word to say how much I appreciate your service to our country. It's because of people like you, that we can live in freedom.

-Ruth King in Angier, N.C.

Thanks you for all of your hard work for the USA! We look up to you and hope that when you are back stateside, you have some time to travel in N.C.. I work with students at UN.C. Wilmington, many of them returning veterans...they are among my favorites - polite, grateful for the education benefits, and of course, very smart!

-Gail H. in Wilmington, N.C.

I am so proud of you and what you do everyday to keep our country free!! You are sacrificing and don't ever think that we Americans don't appreciate you, because we do! Thank you!!!

-Nancy in Brevard, N.C.

I just don't believe the people that do not feel service people do not deserve the deepest thanks for their efforts to serve this country. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

-Harold C. in Denver, N.C.

We are retired USAF. After 20 years of service during the Viet Nam conflict and afterwards, know first hand what it means to hear from those at home that we care about you.. we do..you are doing the most important job in the world, keeping us all free. We keep you in our prayers every day and return home to N.C. in peace.

-Elaine H. in Leland, N.C.

Thanks, for all you do we know you sacrifice a lot to keep all of America safe. We respect and admire all of you. Stay safe and know we are thinking of you.

-Tammy T. in Granite Falls, N.C.

Thank you for your heroic efforts on behalf of America. We are proud of you and support you.

-Carol & Harold M. in Terrell, N.C.

Thank you so much for your daily sacrifice for me and our country. Words can not express the gratitude I have for all you do.

-Heather M. in Newton Grove, N.C.

Thank you for your service. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and bring you home safely.

-Perry S. in Cherokee, N.C.

Thank you for all that you are doing! Our family appreciates the sacrifice you make every day for our freedoms! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

-Holly in Durham, N.C.

My husband spent 22 years working to protect his country's freedoms as you do now. You have our deepest respect and gratitude for all that you sacrifice for us. Our American flag flies high in your honor! God speed, be safe, and come home soon! You're the BEST!

-Wilda F. in Cary, N.C.

We are so grateful to you. Words cannot convey how much the mission you are on means to my family. We are praying for you all to return home safe and sound. God Bless You!

-Harriet Flanagan in Lenoir, N.C.

I don't know who you are, I've never met you before in my life, but I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to you for the job that you do. In these days that we live in, when our freedom and liberty is assaulted at every turn there is no greater call than to defend this country that we call home. So for the job you do, for the sacrifices you make, and for the love you have for this country, I thank you. God bless you and God bless America.

-Jared Compton in Hurdle Mills (N.C. hi7m4n@gmail.com)

You are very brave and strong and good. Thank you for sacrificing so much so I and my family can live in peace and free. I pray that God protects you and all our soldiers every day. Thank you and God be with you and protect you. The Crews Family in Sherrills Ford, N.C.



I just wanted to say thank you so much for your service to this country and to all of us who are lucky enough to call it home. It is only because of brave men and women like you that the "Land of the Free" is still free. Your sacrifice does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Thanks so much and God bless!

-Heather in N.C.

A heartfelt thanks to each man and woman who is serving in our armed forces. Words cannot express the gratitude due you for your dedication and service to our great nation. Because of you we at home enjoy freedom; may we never take this for granted. I pray that you will be kept safe, and you will be returned to your families soon.

-Rita C. in N.C.

Thanks for giving of yourself in service to our nation! As a former soldier who currently has a son-in-law on active duty, I think of you all often. Our prayers and best wishes from N.C..

-Hank S. in Burlington, N.C.

Thank you very much for your service to our country. We pray daily that God will keep you safe until you are able to return. God bless you.

-Ginny and Hugh Pembleton in Sanford, N.C.

I would like to give a big thank you to my daughter-in law, Nichole Hunter who is over seas fighting for our country and also to my son Jason Hunter who just got out of the Army. He also went over seas to fight for our country. Thanks for helping us keep our freedom. I want them to know that I love both of them very much.

-Katherine H. in Scotland Neck, N.C.

Thank you so much for your service for our country. We support you completely You are in our thoughts and prayers everyday. May God bless you and your family, who waits for your safe return.

-Anonymous in Virginia

Thank you does not seem enough to say for your sacrifices - please know that there are many Americans who are truly grateful for all you have done and given up.

-Kathryn S. in Elizabeth City, N.C.

Many thanks and prayers for you as you serve a wonderful country. we would not be where we are today had people like yourself sacrifice so much. Not every one is qualified to be called it takes a special person to serve in the line of duty like you are. Again many thanks and many prayers come your way. God Bless America!

-Anonymous in N.C.

I would like to thank you for your courage and willingness to protect me and my family. I keep all of you in my prayers daily. May God keep you safe.

-Iona W. in Beaufort, N.C.

Thank you for being willing to sacrifice this time in your life for our country. You are truly appreciated. Be safe and keep your eye on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

-Jackie W. in Raleigh, N.C.

You are thought of often, prayed for daily, and you, are our heros. We can't wait for all of you to return home safely and swiftly. God Bless You!

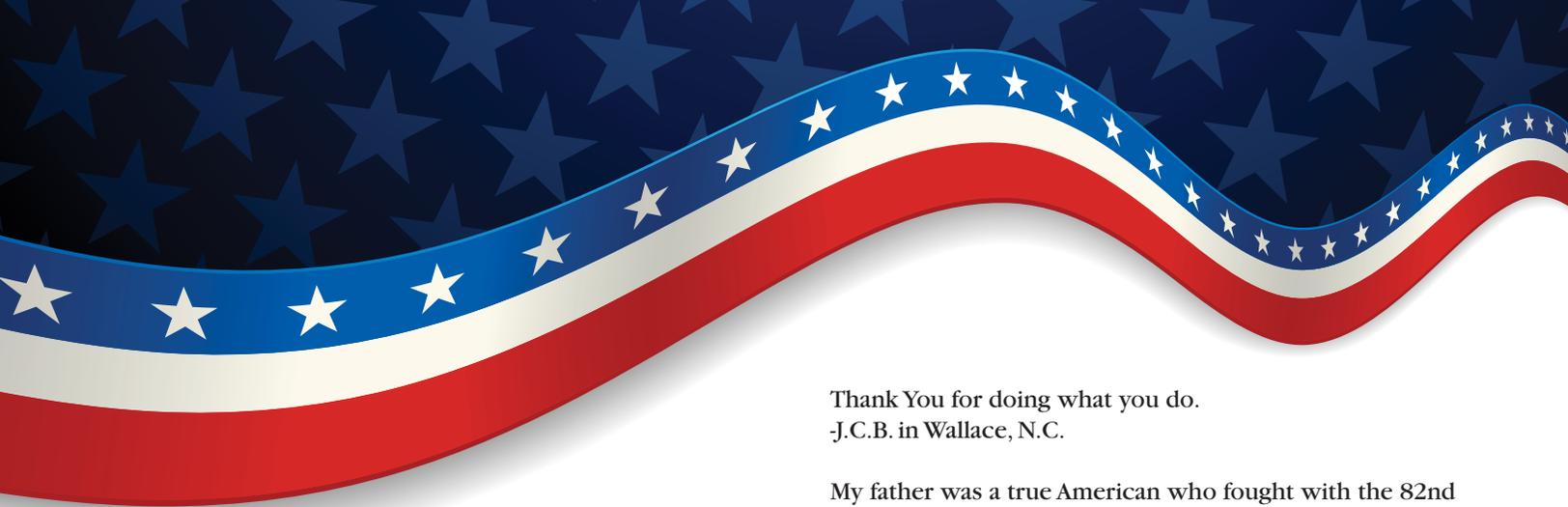
-Jacqueline C. in Mooresville, N.C.

Thank you all so much for putting your lives on the line everyday for us. I know you hear that one sentence over and over again, but that best describes what you do for us. Thank you to all who had to leave your family to keep mine safe. I can't even imagine my child being over there fighting. I would be so scared for them and so so proud at the same time! Again, Thank you with all my heart. Please be as safe as you can be. But mainly know that there are people out here that know you are there. There are people out here that pray for you everyday. I can hardly wait for your safe return. And when you do come back. Love your families with your "whole" heart day by day. I am only around 50 yrs old and people around me are dying constantly. I guess it is the age thing and people I knew that was older than I am. Life is a precious gift. Embrace every single moment! Come Home To Your Families!

-Marie in Hillsborough, N.C.

What an awesome job you do for our country! My hope is that you know that you are appreciated and valued. My parents were WWII Army vets so my respect for the military runs deep. May you stay safe as you continue to defend our country. Godspeed.

-Erna B. in Kannapolis, N.C.



Thank You for doing what you do.
-J.C.B. in Wallace, N.C.

My father was a true American who fought with the 82nd Airborne in WWII. Just like him, you are doing your American duty to honor our great United States of America as a hero. For this, I am grateful. Thank you and God bless.
-Anonymous in Tarboro, N.C.

Thank You for your service to our country. You are always in our prayers.
-John D. in Greensboro, N.C.

Thank you for your service to our great country, the USA. I appreciate your courage, your willingness to serve and your love of country. I feel privileged to live in the US and I feel safe and secure knowing you are there to protect our way of life! Thank you again....from the bottom of my heart!
-J. D. Lane in Morrisville, N.C.

Thank you for all that you do! Your service to this country and sacrifice for our freedom is truly appreciated. May God bless you and your family always!
-Josh & Dusty in Arden, N.C.

Just a short note to let you know just how proud we are of ya'll and the job you are doing over there for all of us over here. Just know ya'll will always be in our thoughts and prayers until ya'll are safe & back home. God bless and keep the faith til then.
-JD & Cindy W. in Spring Lake, N.C.

Hello, I want to thank you very much for serving in the armed forces to protect this country. We owe you our very lives.
-Jean Richardson in Wendell, N.C.

Just wanted to say "thank you" for your service, and know that you are in my prayers for your safety and safe return home. Words cannot express my gratitude for your service and sacrifice that is allowing freedom to continue in our country!
-Jean R. in Monroe, N.C.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to you and I pray that God will watch over and protect you until your tour is over and you are back in the arms of your loved ones. Hoorah!
-Jena K. in Greenville, N.C.

Being an older adult I have lived thru many wars going back to Vietnam. I love our country so deeply and I am so proud to be an American. We all share that with each other and it has been earned by the heart and souls of the men and women who serve in our military. Each of these soldiers are our sons/daughters, brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers and the families they leave behind share in the honor each of them deserve. Thank you so much for standing up and serving our truly freedom loving and unique country.
-Marie N. in Low Gap, N.C.

you for all that you do in support of freedom in America and around the world. I truly appreciate the many sacrifices that you make and wish for a world at peace so that you can enjoy it.
-Janet F. in Hillsborough, N.C.

Thanks for all you'll are doing to keep the enemy at bay. I understand what it means to put your life on the line for our country. My father died in the Battle of the Bulge in WWII when I was 7 years old. Thanks again for making us safe here at home.
-Jerry R. in Lexington, N.C.

Thank you for your bravery in protecting our freedom around the world. May God keep his protecting hand upon all of you as you defend our country and our values.
-Annette S. in Canton, N.C.

Thank you for all you are doing for us back home to keep us safe. Because of you we will always be the land of the free. God Bless You.
-Anonymous in N.C.

Thank you for your service to our country! May God bless you for your faithfulness to your duty.
-Allan T. in Greensboro, N.C.

Many, many thanks for all you are doing for our country and for freedom in the world. God Bless each and every one of you.
-Judy Adams in Concord, N.C.



Thank you so very much for your selfless sacrifice in protecting our nation! Please know how much you ARE appreciated and that we are praying for our troops daily!!! May GOD richly bless you.
-Jennifer Y. in Germanton, N.C.

From an old Viet Nam vet, former POW and Fort Bragg soldier I just want to thank you guys for what you are doing for our country, in defending our rights and freedoms. Believe me I know it isn't easy what you are doing. You know, all wars are different, but all wars are the same. We are proud of you, and again we thank you for your service and sacrifice.
-Jerry Tester in Boone, N.C.

It is my deep pleasure to tell you that I am proud of each and every one of our Service men and women. I pray for all of you..to keep you safe and if serving in another Country, a quick return to the USA. Thank you all for your service to this great Country of ours and may God Bless and keep you.
-Anonymous in Hampton, VA

Words are not enough to express the deep felt thanks for your giving to your Country and to each of us to assure that we have the continued freedom that our forefathers also fought to make sure we were protected by our Constitution. Your sacrifice is the greatest and please know we pray daily for each of you.
-Janet G. in Monroe, N.C.

Thank-you for serving your country. I sincerely appreciate the personal sacrifices you and your family have made to allow myself and my family the ability to live in this great nation. I realize that "Freedom is not Free". Thank-you.
-Joe Gurga in Cicero, IL

I think the sacrifices made by you and your family members at home are vital to the fabric of American life. Though I have not always supported the politics of some military actions, I will always appreciate the dedication and courage of America's military personnel. I offer my thanks to you for facing danger and deprivation in lands far from your home and loved ones. We don't see you when you

leave or return. We don't see the battle scars and mental trauma. We don't see very much of these wars at all. We just keep seeing the tally of dead and wounded American soldiers. My heart stops when I see multiple amputees in the grocery or on the playground, surrounded by supporting family and friends. At first I would always be angry about the senseless politics that seems to feed these wars, then I realized that none of that matters to you who suffer the injuries and carry the scars for the rest of your lives. So when you come home and you think people are staring rudely just know that many of us are taking in the full measure of your sacrifice and courage. It takes a minute for that to register in our minds. I lived through the Viet Nam war years. Not one of the people I knew who fought in that war was ever the same. My wish for you is that your service and homecoming will stand out as a proud achievement for the remainder of your lives. Never doubt that what you have done is not appreciated. Never doubt that your sacrifice goes unnoticed. Never doubt that most people hope to never see war again. Be well. Be proud. Be safe.
-Jim H. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. It is so comforting to know we have young men and women willing to fight for freedom. May God bless you and the great USA.
-Jim Howell in Wilson, N.C.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to secure our freedom. Thank you for putting your lives on hold and in harm's way each day for all of us. You are true heroes. I pray for all of you each night. I hope you will soon be home and reunited with you families.
-Jackie O. in Franklinton, N.C.

Many thanks to our military personnel who so unselfishly give of themselves to protect the freedom we enjoy in American and work to establish and protect it in other countries around the world. I salute you!
-Joan F in Mocksville, N.C.

"Thank you" is not appropriate for the sacrifice you have made. Prayers are always with you for a safe return home.
-Janice H. in Oakboro, N.C.

To whomever this reaches, Thank you so much for your sacrifice on behalf of the USA! This is a difficult time to be in the Armed Forces and I want you to know how much you are appreciated. God bless you and keep you!
-Julie S. in Hendersonville, N.C.



Dear Soldier: Thank you for your service to our country. I want you to know how very much you are appreciated by those of us here at home. We are so proud of you and your dedication in serving our country. Take care.

-A N.C. Senior Citizen

Am so grateful for all your sacrifices to ensure my freedom and pray for your safe return home. Please know you are special people to do what you do. Thank you!

-Jessica in Greenville, N.C.

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who are risking your lives so we may enjoy freedom! You are in our thoughts and prayers and we wish you a quick and safe return home.

-John K. in Atlanta, GA

Thank you for keeping my homeland safe.

-Janet G. in Salisbury, N.C.

I want to thank all of you for standing up and fighting for freedom. I know that you all have made great sacrifices for our country. You are in my prayers and thoughts.

-Jackie H. in Vale, N.C.

Being engaged to a former Marine has made me appreciate the sacrifice, determination, and selflessness a soldier endures. He just had a 20 year reunion with his former Marine buddies at Camp Lejeune. He had a wonderful time and cried when they flew back home, many he had not seen since his service was up. Only a former Marine can understand that bond. "They are my brothers," he says. I wish everyone that are not members of the Armed Forces would visit in their minds what our soldiers see and have seen. I think we would all be better people and appreciate what we have. Hold on to our family members and friends a little tighter. "ON.C.e a Marine, always a Marine", as he would say when he catches up with them on Facebook or watches some of his favorite shows on the History and Military Channels. He has taught me so much about being a better person, telling me story after story, learning about different cultures, and all the gun talk I can possibly bear! But, I wouldn't give that up for the world! Thank you so much for your service and for loving me as much as you love your Country, Eric Todd Vibbert!

-Jessica S. in Winterville, N.C.

Thank you for all you're doing. Be careful over there. I'm praying that you make it home safely.

-Jennifer S. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Coming from a family of veterans from the Civil War, WWI, WWII, and the Iraq War, I do appreciate all of our soldiers. I have pictures and letters from every war listed above. I took them to our daughter's 3rd grade class the day before Memorial Day and explained what Memorial Day is all about. Only 3 children out of 20 knew. I gave them each a flag and asked their parents to hang their flag. I heard stories from my grandfather and father and saw them cry. My son in law just returned from Iraq. My neighbor is in Afghanistan. Thank you all for your service and for loving the USA. You will be proud you served for the rest of your lives. God bless you and the USA!

-Jeanne M. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Thank you so very much for the sacrifices you are making for our country and others. I'll be praying for you and your fellow troops.

-Anonymous in N.C.

Hoooah! Thank you for carrying on the tradition of the world's finest warriors. My thoughts and prayers are with you every day.

-Jack M. in Newton, N.C.

My prayers and thoughts are with you as you protect our Country. May God keep you safe and richly bless you and your family for the sacrifices you are making.

-Judy M. in Wilson, N.C.

We as Americans (and many others around the globe) owe you a debt of gratitude that we cannot repay, except in living lives that use the freedom you defend for the benefit of all mankind. Words cannot express my appreciation for your service. God Bless You!

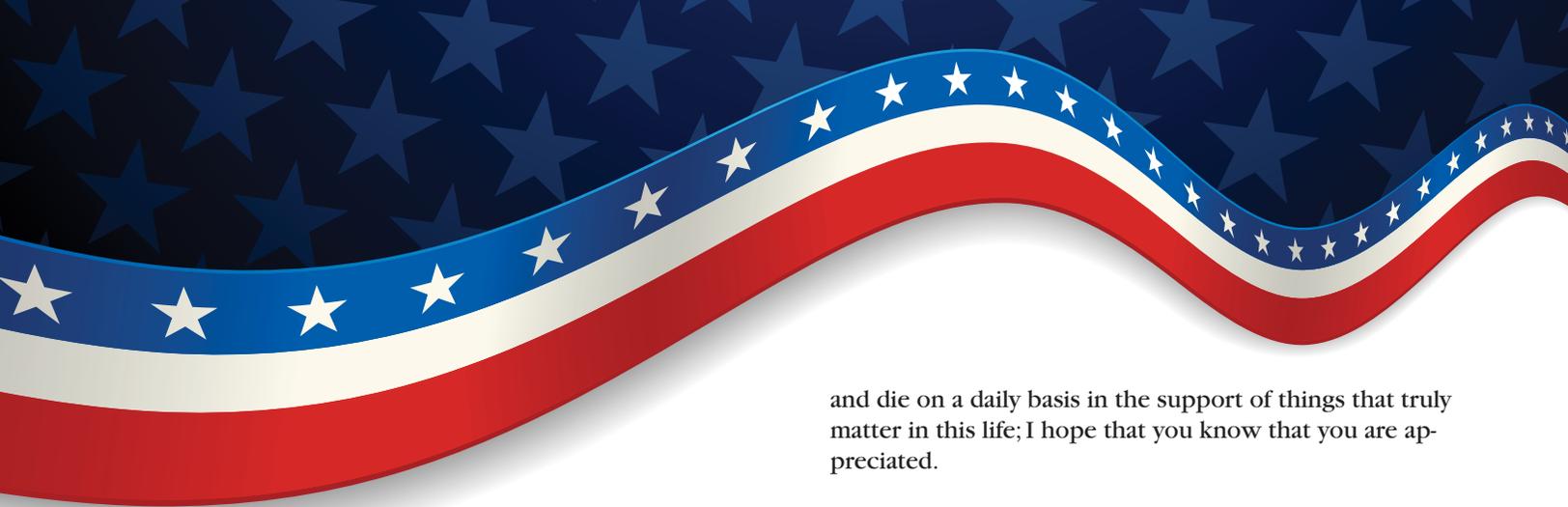
-Jason M. in Nashville, N.C.

Thank you so much for all you do and for your commitment to the United States of America. May God Bless You and keep you safe.

-Jennifer N. in Siler City, N.C.

I appreciate what you do for our country. You are in my prayers and my thoughts.

-Kay in Goldsboro, N.C.



Yesterday I was blessed to be able to spend the day with my two granddaughters celebrating the oldest who is turning 18 on June 7th. As we sat to eat we thanked our Lord for our liberty and for YOU and ALL THE OTHER servicemen who helped make this weekend possible for me and my granddaughters. From my heart, thank you and God bless.

-Joan I. in Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

Thank you for all you are doing. I still recall the lonely moments of separation from family and friends from 40 years ago. We are behind you 100% and truly appreciate the sacrifices you have chosen to make for your country.

-Anonymous in N.C.

Thanks for your sacrifice. Your commitment to our country is appreciated!!!!

-Kay S. in Louisburg, N.C.

I know there are many times when you may wonder if the average person thinks of you and what you are doing - please know that we do, we appreciate it more than we can ever express and we mourn for those who have given all. You are what many of us wish we could be - thank you - and thank your family - for your strength and service.

-Julie W. in Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Soldier,

We do not know each other, but I know that you are someone's son or daughter, Mom or Dad, brother or sister or friend. I know that they are very proud of your service to our country. I often think of how blessed we all are to live in the United States of America. Unfortunately, there are many times when we, as Americans, take that blessing for granted. I am encouraged by the fact that you are one of those that does not take it for granted. You see the world from a different perspective and you are willing to put your life in harm's way for others. I know that our servicemen and women are compassionate and brave people. I'm sure that you have both those attributes.

I wanted to take a moment to let you know that I am exceptionally grateful for your courage and willingness to serve our country. In a time where Hollywood, television, and celebrity cloud our eyes to the truth that people live

and die on a daily basis in the support of things that truly matter in this life; I hope that you know that you are appreciated.

May God bless you and hold you in His hand and may you be reunited with your family very soon. Thank you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

-Joy E in Holly Springs, N.C.

You are doing such a great job! We support you.

-Jan P. in Rockwood, TN

I'm so grateful to you for protecting our freedom & also to your family for the sacrifices they have made in your absence. God Bless You!

-Julie S. in Burlington, N.C.

May God bless each and everyone of you while you are serving and protecting our Country. May God protect you and your families while you are away from them.

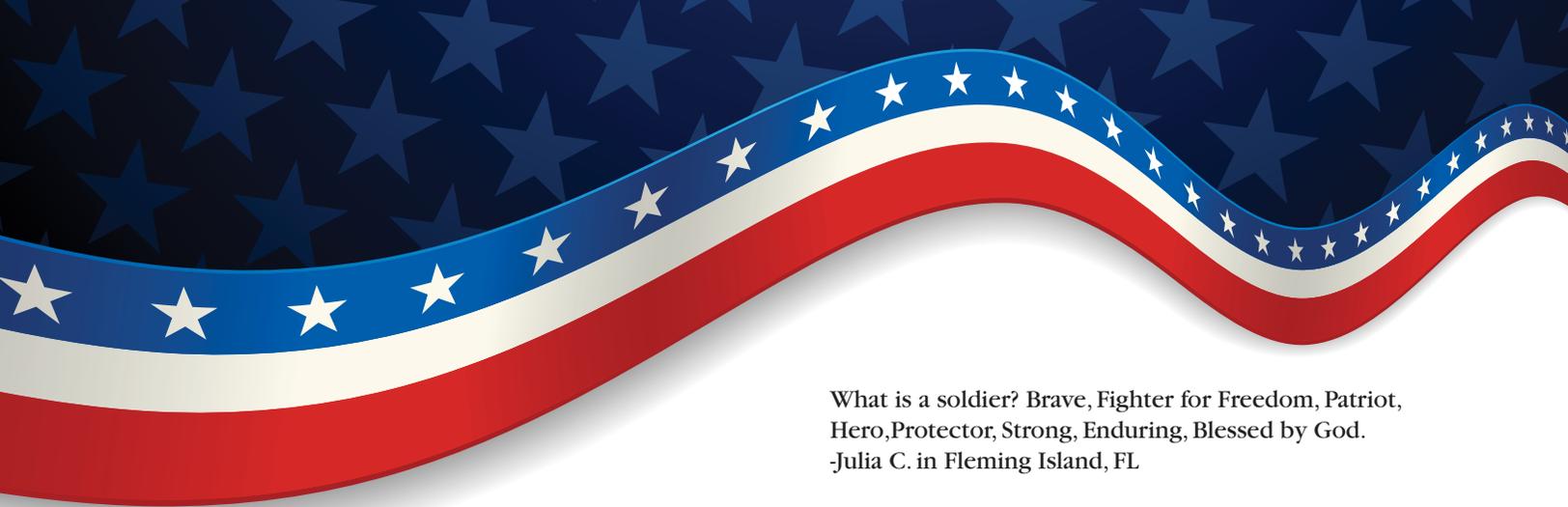
-Jeannette R. in Clinton, N.C.

Words can never express how I feel inside about you, our Soldiers. I don't know where you are, I don't know who will be reading my note, but please know, my heart goes out to your family here at home, as I am a Soldier's Wife, My husband was in Baghdad, Iraq for 17 months, the longest 17 months of my life. My Soldier was there, was in many firefights, even awarded a Bronze Star, he was kept safe through all that, so be brave, you can do this, you're the BEST. Please take comfort that you are missed here at home, you are loved, and we can't wait for you to come back home. Your loved ones are missing you while you are over there, their hearts are broken, they have many sleepless nights worrying about you, praying for your safety, and your safe return home. Know that YOU are the best America has, our Soldier. Thank you for your service and your sacrifice..... May God Bless you and keep you safe within the palm of his hand and bring you back home.... Freedom is not free. God Bless the USA.

-A Soldier's Wife in Hendersonville, N.C.

Thank You for your service for this great country of ours. We are grateful. God bless you and keep safe.

-Janie S. in Raleigh, N.C.



Thank you for your service and sacrifice for our country! I can only imagine how difficult it must be to be away from your friends and loved ones right now. May God bless you and protect you until you can be with them again.
-Anonymous in N.C.

We are ever mindful of what your effort means to us! You make our freedom possible.
-Thomas B. in Clemmons, N.C.

Thank you for serving our country to ensure our freedom. May God Bless you and your family who is giving also. Hope you have a safe enlistment.
-Judith F. in High Point, N.C.

Heartfelt thanks to our brave Soldiers and Friends! You are kept in our thoughts and prayers daily, that you will be watched over and kept safe to return home to your families and friends. May God bless and protect each and every one of you!!!
-Anonymous in Minnesota

My grandfather served aboard the LST 785 at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He never talked about what he saw or what he felt during those battles, he only said it was like a binding prayer between God and him. Even as a child I recognized the pain and the memory he carried. It is so much to ask to kill another, even in the name of freedom without it leaving scars. I send my forever thanks to every soldier who serves the name of freedom, for the scars and the memories carried for me and my children so that we may live free.
-Judy W. in Elizabeth City, N.C.

Dear Soldier: We here in the States feel very proud of your service in our country. My family has been in every war since the Civil War. My father was a sailor in WWII in air and sea rescue. please know all of us citizens think of you each day. On Memorial Day I worked with my patients in the nursing home. We prayed for all you men keeping us safe. We went to all our old veterans and told them how proud we were for their service. Thank you again.
-Judy Gunnell in Lenoir, N.C.

What is a soldier? Brave, Fighter for Freedom, Patriot, Hero, Protector, Strong, Enduring, Blessed by God.
-Julia C. in Fleming Island, FL

Thank you, thank you for your dedicated service. My father was a USAF Colonel who flew B-17's and B-24's in WWII. I remember many times during the course of his 26 years of service ending at Seymour-Johnson and retiring near Ft. Bragg, our family missing him when he had to go somewhere unexpectedly and with no word as to where or when he would return. So please thank your families as well for I know first hand what they go through each time you leave. Stay safe. We all look forward to your return.
-June A. in Lumberton, N.C.

Thanks so much for your service to our country !! Without great people like you we here in the States would not be able to be safe. I know you sacrifice a lot for your country by being away from your family and enduring extreme weather conditions. Just remember we love you and you are always in our prayers. Travel safe and thanks a million times over.
-June S. in State Road, N.C.

May God Bless All of You. You may never know the many Americans who are behind you in your efforts to keep us safe, but know that I am eternally grateful for the sacrifices you and your families are giving for our right in America to continue to enjoy our FREEDOM.
-Lauren B. in Pinebluff, N.C.

I hope you know how much your service means to all of us. You keep us safe, and I, for one, am so grateful to you. Although not a military person myself, I grew up as an Army Brat, and many times I watched my father leave us when he was deployed to a war zone somewhere. I know as a soldier, he gave his best to his country, the way you are doing now. God protect and bless you all, and may your families find peace in the knowledge that as soldiers, you have each others backs...always watching. Take good care of each other, and please return to your families soon, and safely!
-Julia DuScha in Charlotte, N.C.

Just a note to let you know that I appreciate your sacrifice, and that I pray for your safe return every day. God bless you!
-Justina W. in Graham, N.C.



Thank you for serving our country so bravely while protecting our rights and freedom. May God watch over you each day and keep you safe.

-Jerry & Debi L. in New Bern, N.C.

To our military men all around the globe. Thank you for the great job you do in keeping our country safe. Our country would not be what it is today if it were not for your devotion to duty. We appreciate it.

-Joel S. in Kannapolis, N.C.

My family has many members who have served or are serving this country in the way that you are. I am so proud of them, and of you, for you have chosen a difficult path for the sake of us all. My family and I truly appreciate all that you do! Safe travels!

-Kim L. in Greensboro, N.C.

Thank you to all the men and women in the military who chose to our country in the military, despite the danger, hardships, and stress on you individually and on your families. My Dad served in WWII, my friends in Viet Nam and Iraq. I pray for you all, and hope you all come home soon, safe and sound. Know that God's got your back, and will watch over you and your loved ones while you are away.

-Kate E. in Clemmons, N.C.

What a blessing it is to say "Thank you" to all of our Service personnel. We are truly a blessed nation to have such people that are willing to give above, beyond and their all for their fellow country men and women. We are truly "Blessed By God."

-Kermit N. in Concord, N.C.

Dear Troops, My Aunt Bessie was a Air Force nurse in WWII. She flew to Guam to help. She even lived under the ice in Greenland. I stand in salute of our flag every day.

-L. Kapp in Chicago, IL

Thank you very much for what you are doing..defending our country and helping those less fortunate. You are a GREAT American!!

-Anonymous in N.C.

Thank you all for what you do, you are always in our hearts and prayers!

-Karen T. in Bensalem, PA

Dear Son, Thank you for all you do for your family and this great country. I love you very much and miss you, however, I know this is where your heart leads you, the USMC. May God go with you and protect you as you do for others in countries far away. All my love. Mom

-Kathy C. in Yadkinville, N.C.

Thank you for giving your all for the USA. We greatly appreciate what you do and the sacrifices that you make so that we can be free.

-Kay O. in Ramseur, N.C.

Thinking and praying for you. Thanks for all you do for our country.

-Kathy C. in Kings Mountain, N.C.

My sincere thanks for the sacrifice you are making on my behalf. My thoughts and prayers are with you daily. Thank you from my heart to yours.

-Mary K. in Littleton, N.C.

Having 2 Vets in our family we know and appreciate firsthand your dedication, honor, strength, and struggles. We're all wishing you a safe journey - and it is a journey.

-Deb in Winston-Salem, N.C. (via Chicago & San Diego)

I can only imagine our lives without you. Come visit us when you get home. N.C. is a great place to unwind - besides I've heard we have this unusual accent!! Hope you're smiling now :)

-Debra in Winston-Salem, N.C.

We are so blessed to have FREEDOM! I have been watching "America The Story of Us" on the history channel and have been so inspired by the courage, endurance and sacrifice over the hundreds of years by American Soldiers. Our freedoms did not come from a room with only a few men & women, it came from many men & women fighting on battlefields all over the world. Thank you!

-Kelley in Asheville, N.C.

As a Vietnam Vet, I simply offer my sincere thanks and prayers that God will protect and bless you and your family.

-Ken C. in Wilmington, N.C.