



My heart felt thanks for your willingness to serve your country. I am proud of you and your service to America. My prayers are for your safety and that you will soon be reunited with your family.
-Kenneth in N.C.

Thanks to all of you specially trained military personnel that can't even be recognized publicly for what you do, as it is not wise to spread the word. Some things are best kept secret. You are appreciated and have many hard decisions to make and affect many people's lives. Thanks!
-Kathy C. in Yadkinville, N.C.

Our family are praying for all of the soldiers in harms way.
-Kenneth D. in Goldsboro, N.C.

Thank You for all that you have done, are doing, and are committed to do in order to defend and protect the greatest country on Earth. We enjoy a fabulous life here on the N.C. Coast for one reason - YOU HAVE DEDICATED YOUR LIFE TO DEFEND OUR FREEDOM!
-Kevin O. in Southport, N.C.

Our utmost respect to all of the soldiers fighting for our freedom. Thanks is not enough.
-Kaye F. in Goldsboro, N.C.

Thank you for your service. If there is a time when you think no one is thinking of you, or appreciating all you do, please remember this. There are folks in the great state of N.C. who think of you and pray for you every day. Keep your powder dry.
-Karen and Fred ter Haar in New Bern, N.C.

I was a Coxswain aboard the 101st Naval Construction Battalion. This old man would like to say thanks for what you are doing. "The difficult we do immediately, the impossible may take a little longer."
-Virgil G. in Tarboro, N.C.

Thank you for serving our country to where we have our freedom. My father fought in WWII and we appreciate all the armed forces.
-Kim E. in Cherryville, N.C.

Thank you for your service to our country. It's not easy being away from family, friends...home, yet you make the sacrifice and it is appreciated. Thank you.
-Kimm in Greensboro, N.C.

Thank you for the sacrifices that you and your family are making so that our families may live in freedom. God Bless You and God Bless America!
-Kim W. in Wilson, N.C.

Our country is beautiful from coast to coast! But, without your dedication, we would not have the freedom to enjoy it. Thank you for joining the military and helping to preserve the freedoms that make our country a wonderful place to live! Hugs! :)
-Kimberly in Sammamish, WA

Thank you for keeping our country safe!
-Kathy L. in Findlay, OH

I wish there were words to express my gratitude to you for serving our country. Thank you seems so small when my heart is so full of love and appreciation. I will keep you and your comrades in my heart and my prayers. God Bless America and those who serve her.
-Kathy Jo M. in Greensboro, N.C.

Without you we would have nothing but with you we have it all. Thank you and God keep you safe.
-Ruth Ann in Hampstead, N.C.

As a former Marine myself, I would like to say thanks for all your hard work. We are a unique family of brothers and sisters whose bond can never be broken. Semper Fidelis.
-Kimberly L. in Surf City, N.C.

Thank you for your daily sacrifices to serve our country. Your services are more appreciated than words can express.
-The Moffitts in Asheboro, N.C.

Thank you and GOD BLESS!! If it weren't for y'all, we would not have America!! We are the land of the free, the proud!! The United States military is the best. I'm proud and stand behind you!! Come home safe!!
-Bobby C. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

I am happy for all you do to help our country. Thank you!
-O'Brien M. in Pittsboro, N.C.



Thanks for fighting in the war. I wish I could be with you when you are fighting.

-Charlie M., age 5, in Pittsboro, N.C.

Thank you for putting your life on the line to keep all of us safe and free! You are all heroes!

-Kristina in Kannapolis, N.C.

Dear Soldier, As a military wife of a soldier who is currently serving in Afghanistan, I understand the sacrifices by you and your family. I just want you to know that I am truly proud of you and your service! Thank you for all you do! You will constantly be in my thoughts and I will pray for your safe return. "Some believe that heroes wear capes. I believe that true heroes wear combat boots." ~Anonymous

-Krista M. in Siler City, N.C.

God Bless You for your service to our country and fighting for our freedom!

-Kristen, in Virginia

May God Bless You..Keep you Safe..Give You Faith, Strength, Courage, And Bring You Home Safe.

-Karen F. in Greensboro, N.C.

Thanks for all that you do. Without you, we would not have the freedoms that others want. God be with you and keep you safe.

-Anonymous in N.C.

If anyone has a doubt about the bravery and dedication of our military, one only needs to watch "Band of Brothers" to realize how blessed we are to have these brave men and women on our side. All veterans of yesterday and today deserve our praise and gratitude for all they have sacrificed for our country. God bless them all!

-Kelly T. in Camden, N.C.

Thank you seems such a small thing to say for all you do but I don't know what we would do without you and your willingness to serve your country. Thank you so much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We won't forget you ever.

-Kristina Y. in Weaverville, N.C.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I could write those words a million times and it still would not cover adequately the gratitude I have for everything you do! You have sacrificed your time, family and friends so that I may have my time, family, and friends. Thank you for loving your country enough to keep me safe. May God bless you each and every day!

-Karissa W. in Shelby, N.C.

To the men and women of our armed forces; thank you for your sacrifices and for defending our freedom and going in harms way to do so. You are our heroes each and every day that you wear your uniform and continue to keep us safe at night. We'll never take you for granted...Very Respectfully,

-Colleen & Sven Laamann USMC (Ret) in Wagram, N.C.

Prayers for blessings, protection and peace for all of our brave men and women in harm's way.

-Ronnie T. in Downingtown, PA

Keep up the great work, and thank you for helping my daughter and future grand kids to be free.

-Timothy N. in Gainesville, GA

I'd like to take the time to thank all the servicemen and women for all the sacrifices they make. I'd also like to thank their families for the hardships they have to endure while their loved ones are far away from home. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

-Donna L. in Thomasville, N.C.

Me and my son would like to thank all troops in every military branch. Thanks for enlisting and serving.. You're the reason I can live in a free America. In my mind you are the strongest and most appreciated people I know and don't know. May GOD BLESS YOU, And for your safe return. Thanks again.

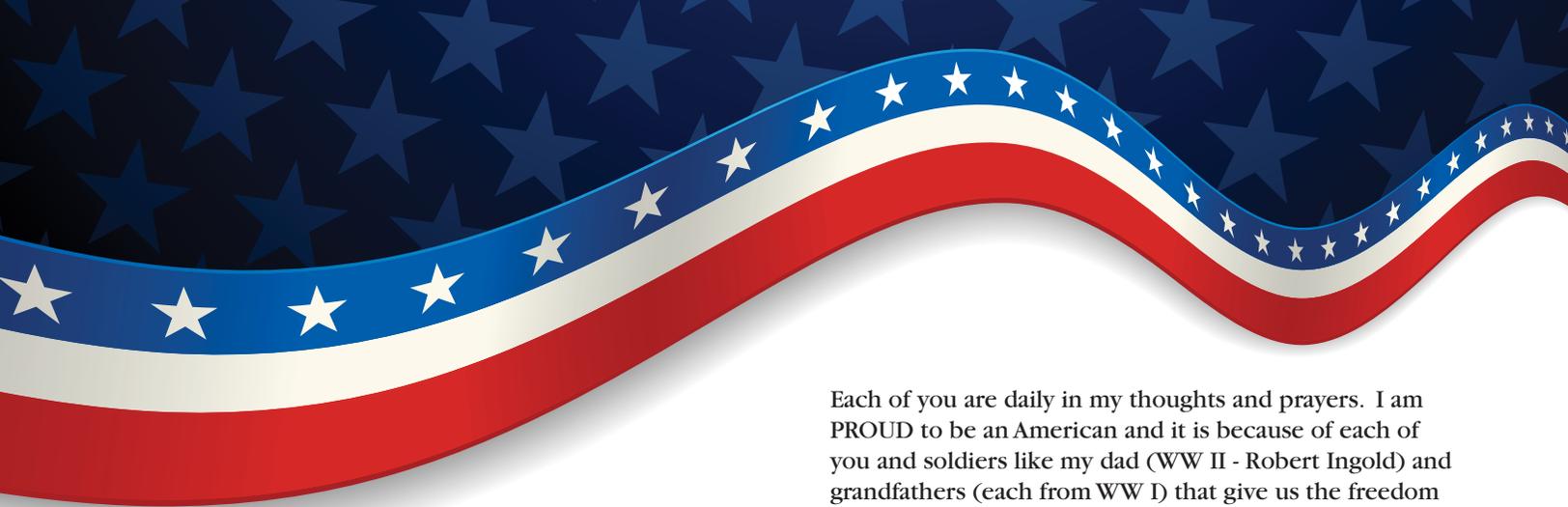
-Todd A., a single father, in Hampstead, N.C.

Thank you for all you do to keep us safe and free. I hope you will soon be home with your family.

-Elaine B. in Cherokee, N.C.

Thank you so very much for the service you are providing to our country. We enjoy our life of freedom largely due to the protection provided by the armed services. May God protect you in whatever you are required to do and bring you quickly and safely home to your loved ones.

-Larry & Diana Smith in Williamsburg, VA



We appreciate your sacrifice and that of your family. You are loved and supported back stateside.

-Angela P. in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Dear Soldiers, My wife and I pray for all the soldiers since we know one who was wounded and disabled in Iraq ! God bless all of you in all branches of service.

-Rev. and Mrs. Larry McEntire in Randleman, N.C.

Our sincere thanks for your sacrifice and dedication to our country. We also send thanks to your families because we know the hardship and burden this places on them as well. May God keep you safe.

-Anonymous in N.C.

We live in the LAND OF THE FREE because of the BRAVE! Thank you all who have fought and continue to fight for our great country! God Bless YOU!

-Laura H. in Oxford, MI

Great job guys. I served during the vietnam era and rest well at night knowing you guys are doing the job. Many Thanks!

-Laurin H. in Monroe, N.C.

We appreciate our soldiers and extremely thank each and everyone for serving our country so that we may be free. Your in our daily prayers and thoughts! With you serving our country, I'm able and allowed to write this gratitude of love. For my three friends, that lived in our small community in N.C., that lost their lives in Vietnam, they will never be forgotten! Much love and respect to all the armed forces for being there for us!

-Linda B. in Hillsborough, N.C.

Thank you for our freedom! We truly appreciate the sacrifices you make to make this happen. Our love to you.

-Lib B. in North Wilkesboro, N.C.

Thank you for all that you do for all of us and our country. You are always in our thoughts and prayers as we look forward to your safe return home. God Bless.

-The Lewis Family in N.C.

Each of you are daily in my thoughts and prayers. I am PROUD to be an American and it is because of each of you and soldiers like my dad (WW II - Robert Ingold) and grandfathers (each from WW I) that give us the freedom that we continue to have today - thank you from the bottom of my heart.

-Lynn Cauble in Salisbury, N.C.

Thank you to all the men and women serving in our armed forces. We appreciate everything you do and the sacrifices you make to keep our country free. I pray everyday that God will keep you safe in body and in mind and bring you back to your loved ones safe and sound. We're so proud of you in Bear Grass, N.C.!

-Anonymous in Bear Grass, N.C.

As an Air force veteran I know what you are doing is extremely difficult and sometimes trying, but know you are appreciated and loved by all who truly know of the remarkable things you are doing for our country. THANK YOU!!!!

-Anonymous in N.C.

Thank you for what you do for me, my family, and the United States of America.

-Donna J. in Sanford, N.C.

People are called to serve in all different ways. Some are teachers, some are doctors, some are lawyers. Soldiers play all of these rolls. You teach us how to stand up for what we believe. You come to our rescue when emergency strikes. You negotiate for our rights, which we often take for granted. Thank you for filling a big role in a way only a soldier can. God speed.

-Leah Hughes in Jackson Creek, N.C.

Thank you are all you do!

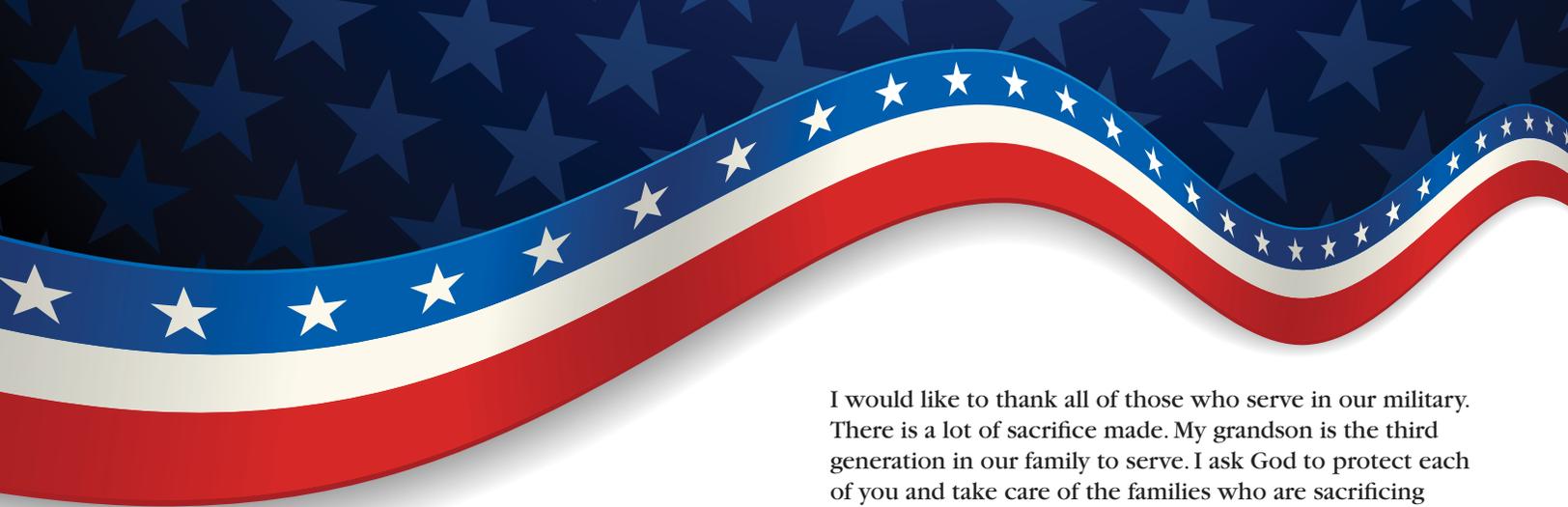
-Anonymous in Anderson, N.C.

Thank you for your service to our country and the help you are providing to others in the world.

-Lee in Charlotte, N.C.

As the saying goes, "Been there, done that, have the T-Shirt". I am a retired LTC in the USAR. I was mobilized twice so I know some of what you are going through. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you for your safe return to your loved ones. God Bless you and GOD BLESS THE USA. Thank you for your service.

-Anonymous in South Carolina



My heartfelt thanks goes out to the one getting this letter. You are truly an inspiration to our country and to all of it's citizens. If you know someone from N.C. tell them summers coming, tomatoes are growing, lakes are getting warm and all of this is waiting for them to enjoy upon their safe return home. I know your families are proud, and I am just as proud of all the men and woman that are protecting our country, you all are in my prayers everyday and I give all my thanks and all my love to each and everyone of God's special soldiers here on earth. Stay safe.
-Lenora S. in Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

I want to say thank-you to all soldiers in the military. I always supported the military but when our son joined the army, I seen it in a whole different light. He is now stationed in Iraq. Our prayers are with you everyday. My family and I thank-you. God bless you.
-Mrs. Shawnette Greer in Lenoir, N.C.

Please know you are appreciated and admired by so many for your selfless sacrifices. We know you will continue to serve with pride and honor as you represent and defend our great country. Thank-you, Bless you and may you be home safely and soon!
-Lisa G. in Weaverville, N.C.

Your sacrifice does not go unnoticed! Words cannot express our heartfelt appreciation for the enormous sacrifices you make each day for our great country. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers daily....much love and many hugs to you!!!
-Linda G. in Grimesland, N.C.

We cannot express the appreciation we have for each and everyone of you that fight each day for our freedom and independence. God Bless you and your families for the time you sacrifice for all of us. Our prayers are with you!! Thank you, thank you for all that you represent.
-Leslie H. in Harkers Island, N.C.

The sacrifice that you are making is appreciated. I'd love to give you a bear hug to show how much I appreciate. Consider yourself "hugged."
-Linda D. in Monroe, N.C.

I would like to thank all of those who serve in our military. There is a lot of sacrifice made. My grandson is the third generation in our family to serve. I ask God to protect each of you and take care of the families who are sacrificing also.
-Letha H. in Thomasville, N.C.

Thank you for serving our country above and beyond the call of duty. As I come from a military family, I know what it's like to be separated from loved ones. May you be comforted in the knowledge that you have our support and prayers and know that God loves you and will protect you. Blessings to you and your fellow soldiers from Knightdale, N.C..
-Judith V. in Knightdale, N.C. (Lightkeeper4God@aol.com)

Hi, My name is Vivian and I live in Drexel N.C.. I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate everything all of the soldiers are doing for us. Everyone of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Be careful. We love you all. God bless you and keep you safe.
-Vivian K. in Drexel, N.C.

Dear Soldiers, one and all, every time I see a soldier story, every time I hear a patriotic song and every time I think of our wonderful freedom, I say a thankful prayer for each and all of you. During Memorial Week, I went to an orchestral celebration and my church had a very special Sunday service...tears flowed from my eyes and my heart poured over with gratitude. Thank You.
-Eleata A. in Greensboro, N.C.

Thank you for all that you do in keeping us safe around the globe! You guys make us proud. Keep up the good work and stay safe out there!
-Sarah H. in Spring, TX

Please accept my gratitude for defending our country and for all the sacrifices you have made and continue to make for all of us.
-Lorene K. in Apex, N.C.

My children and I thank you...
-Lisa M. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

May God bless and protect you while you are away from your loved ones. Thank you for protecting us and putting yourself in harms way. May you come home safely and swiftly.
-Lois E. in Grimesland, N.C.



Dear Soldier: Our country would not be the country it is today were it not for the service and sacrifice of generations of Americans like yourself who have served in the military. I want to thank you for your dedication and the honor you do yourself and your family by your service to our country. I wish and hope for your safe return to your family, friends and a grateful nation.

-Gwen L. in Allentown, PA

Our many thanks for protecting our country. I pray for you every day.

-Helen Y. in Frederick, MD

Thank you for all you do for our country. You are very much appreciated.

-Diane in Advance, N.C.

Thank you for all you do. Our prayers and love are with you everyday. Because of you we can live free.

-Linda O. in Goldsboro, N.C.

My prayers and thoughts are with you as you serve our Country. If it was not for you and the veterans before you we would not have our freedom. I know it is hard to be away from your family and friends, but please know you have many people praying for you and your safe return. We love you. Stay safe and return home soon.

-Linda R. in Fayetteville, N.C.

We wish you a speedy return to your home and thank you each day for the tough job you are doing. You are brave and bold and we hope this war will come to an end soon - with a victory for USA this time. May God bless you and your family. You are loved by the majority of Americans and we support you all the way. Be safe and we will see you soon! Applause will greet you in the airport.

-Libbie T. in Raleigh, N.C.

I just want to say thank you. Your service means the world to me and my family and thanks really are not enough. You put your life on the line so we can enjoy our everyday lives. God Bless you and God Bless America.

-Lyda M. in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Thank you all for your unselfish sacrifice in defense of our Country that enables all Americans the freedoms that are given us each and every day!

-Jane L. in Carthage, N.C.

In Support of Our Soldiers, I know it is with your dedication that we are a safer nation. I would like to show my appreciation with thanking you all very much.

-Linda W. in La Grange, N.C.

I am a mother of 3 and when I lay my head down at night I thank God that I can do this in a safe country because our men and women gave their lives to keep it that way. You are all my heros for the job you do and do very well. I support you and your families with all my heart. God Bless all of you.

-Lisa H. in King, N.C.

Dear Soldier,

I cannot imagine what you are going through as it seems that these wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have required from you more than you or anyone could have anticipated. I know a little bit about what your family is going through as I was the daughter of an Air Force officer. I remember my father being gone for about 18 months to Vietnam. We lived off base and all our neighbors thought it cruel of our government to send my dad away with my mother at home with 4 children. Two of my siblings were developmentally disabled. My mother told them it was his job. She never worried that he would not come home but I did. I pray for all of you everyday as it is a difficult job-one that no one else wants to do. I pray for peace in the region that your job will soon be unnecessary. I pray for the strength you will need on your return to deal with all you have seen and experienced. May God bless you and keep you safe until you return once again to this wonderful country and into the arms of your loved ones who miss you terribly and anxiously await your return. Thank you for your courage and commitment.

-Kathleen L. in Cary, N.C.

Your courage, dedication, and sacrifice are appreciated.

Your country is proud of you and your service.

-Lynda B. in Havelock, N.C.

Words cannot begin to express the gratitude and appreciation that I feel for what you do for our country every single day. I know that you have to make many sacrifices to us safe in America. I just want you to know from the bottom of my heart that you are truly appreciated.

-Lynn W. in Fayetteville, N.C.



Dear Soldiers, We want to THANK YOU for being brave soldiers. We also pray for you as you fight for our FREEDOM in the USA. May God Bless you with good health as you do your work there. We will pray for your families while you are away. With our sincere appreciation for your dedication and loyalty to our country. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU!!!

-Ray & Ann in N.C.

I just want to say "Thank you" for all you do for your country, and for all the things you miss out on for the same reason. Please know that there a huge number of citizens who do honor and appreciate you and keep you, and your families, in our prayers....Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

-Mary W. in Nashville, N.C.

Thank you for serving our country! We are all proud of you and what you do every day for us!

-Mary Ann E in Clearwater, FL

Thank you so very much for our serving our country and securing our freedom. God bless and keep you safe.

-Margaret C. in Sherrills Ford, N.C.

As the wife of a Military (Ret) USAF, we really enjoyed the article covering Fort Bragg. I used the Base Exchange and commissary there while living in the Raleigh area of N.C.. Our State did a fantastic job covering the base..My best to each and every member of the Army and their family..Our prayers are with you and hope that you enjoy this magazine as much as we do, now living in the State of Virginia.. but cannot forget the Tar Heel State..”Our State “does a fantastic job of covering “HOME”.

-Lois S. in Lynchburg, VA

Thank you for all you do. God keep you safe & return you to your loved ones.

-Gail T. in Cameron, N.C.

My father was a WWII Navy Vet. I am a Navy Veteran from the 1980's. My oldest son has done 2 tours in Iraq. There are no words I can offer that can explain how I feel about each and every one of you currently serving. I can only

try to put into words the feeling I get every time I see a convoy, every morning when I walk past my flag, and every time I see a news clip on TV. My chest tightens up, my eyes swell up, and I have to think of how blessed we are to still have kids who willingly set aside their own lives and take up the cause of freedom. Each one of you has "written a blank check to the American people" and there is no amount of thanks we can give that will repay the debt we owe. I love each and every one of you.

-Frank Graham in Newton Grove, N.C.

Dear friend,

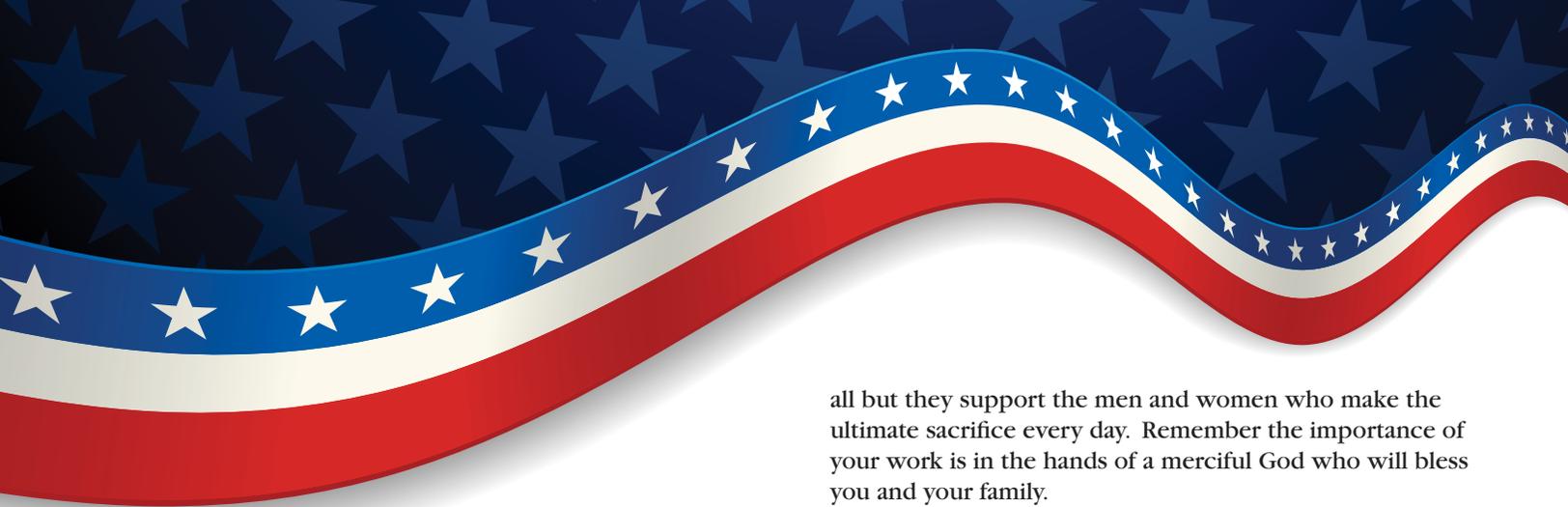
I don't know who you are or where you may be, but I hope you know that the hearts, minds, thoughts and prayers of many are with you there. I hope that this finds you well and in good spirits, and if not, that it will perhaps lift them a little. :-)

You have something that I can't imagine I would ever have - extraordinary courage and strength. Dotted throughout my ancestry are men who have served our country, and some of those died doing so. An uncle who is still with us served in Vietnam. I currently have a cousin one year younger than myself who is in the army and just graduated the air assault program. A friend of the same age joined the Marines several years ago. Another cousin, 5 years younger, is thinking of joining the Navy. I have heard them talk about their training and some of what they have seen. Also being unable to bring themselves to talk about what they have seen, heard or done. If there is anything I've learned about being a part of the US military, it's that it takes a special kind of person with exceptional strength and courage to see it through, and that one cannot pray for them enough.

Though thanks can never be adequate, I do thank you for having the strength and courage to do what you do. Not being a part of your special brand of people, there is no way that I could ever fully wrap my mind around just how important your services are to our country and the American people. In my opinion, you will never be able to receive the rewards, recognition and gratitude you deserve for choosing this path. (At least not on earth!) Although I offer my humble and heartfelt gratitude, it seems so small when compared to your great sacrifice. You have my utmost admiration and respect, as well as my prayers. May God bless and keep you in His hand as you bravely serve and protect us.

In gratitude and love,

Mandy T. in Timberlake, N.C.



We appreciate all your service to the people of the U.S. You all make this country great and have been since its beginning. Thank you for leaving your loved ones to help our causes around the globe. We are free because of your sacrifice and we pray for you. May God touch your life and those you love in a loving way right now. Thank you again.
-Anonymous in N.C.

Hello. I may not know you but you are constantly in my prayers and thoughts. You are away from your home and love ones fighting for your country and freedom for others. I will not forget you or your colleagues fighting this battle.

If I had a magic wish, I would wish for no war and peace on earth. The best I can come up with is: Please be safe and return to your home and family. Many Americans are praying for your deployment back to the United States. If you ever need a clear thought, look up at the sky and count the stars. The stars represent your country and will guide you home.

The mountains of N.C. will welcome you home just as they did during the Civil War, WWI & II, and Vietnam. Stand tall as the mountains and know fellow Americans are proud of the job you are doing on their behalf.

Write if you like:
Teri Goodman
583 Burgess Road
Jefferson, N.C. 28640

I would just like to say a warm thank-you for allowing us the right to be free.. I know that you have many, many hard days so that we might have this freedom. Thanks to you and all of our military personnel.
-Anonymous in Winston-Salem, N.C.

This Memorial Day we buried my 91 year old uncle who was a WWII veteran. What an honor it was to celebrate his life on a day that can be so devastating to others. Please know that you are appreciated by so many people that you never hear from. Our freedoms cannot be taken for granted. As a public school teacher I know that kids really do care. They don't always understand the politics of it

all but they support the men and women who make the ultimate sacrifice every day. Remember the importance of your work is in the hands of a merciful God who will bless you and your family.
-Kathryn B. in Four Oaks, N.C.

My family and I would like to thank you for all you do for our country. America is such a wonderful country and I believe that with soldiers such as you will keep us free from harm. THANK YOU !
-Margaret S. in Mooresville, N.C.

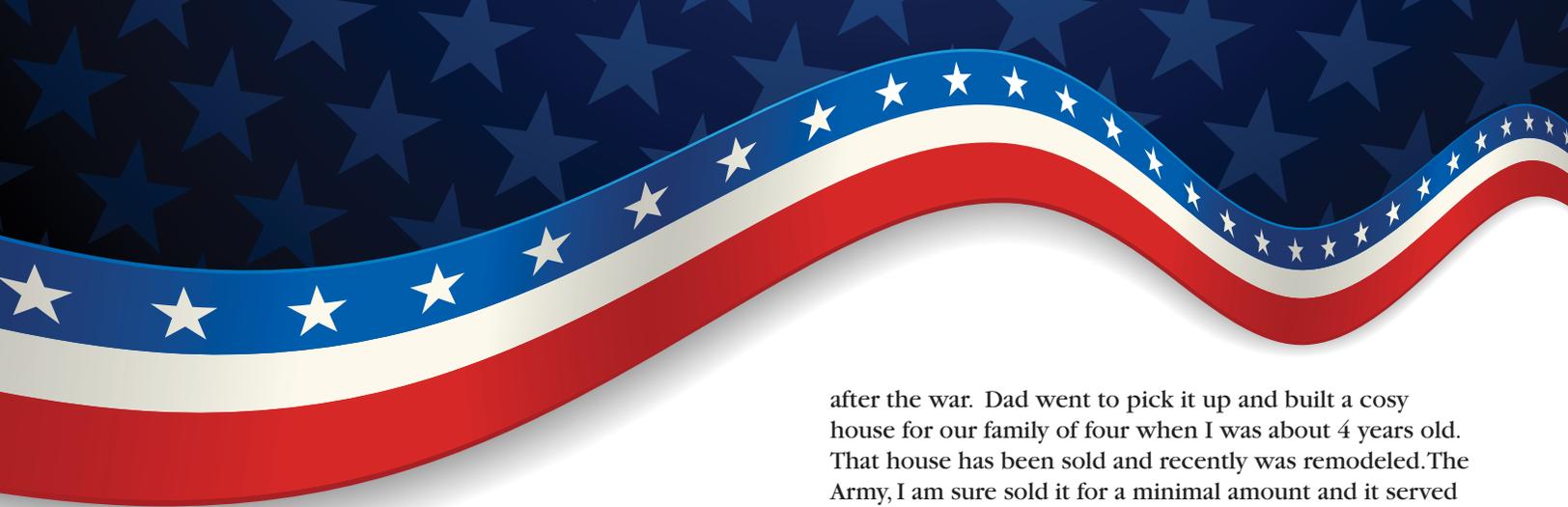
Thank you for your dedication to keeping our country free. It must be very difficult on your family so I thank them for your service as well.
-Margaret M. in N.C.

Thanks so much for your service to our country and the sacrifices you make every day to insure safety and freedom. Although I currently live in a small town that really doesn't have much connection to active-duty military, I grew up in Charleston, SC. My dad spent 20 years in the Air Force and my husband almost 10 in the Navy's submarine service. I so appreciate what you do and am glad to have this opportunity to let you know. May God honor and bless your work. May He keep you safe and bring you home soon. Many thanks and blessings.
-Margaret Fretwell in Old Fort, N.C.

My husband and I would like to say Thank You to all troops stationed here or overseas. You are the very lifeline of our country. May God Bless each and every one of you and your families for the sacrifices that you make each day.
-Marilyn P. in Burlington, N.C.

Our State and we the readers salute you and thank you for your unselfish devotion to the United States way of life. We know that freedom is not free and that you are paying the price! God Bless you all.
-Mark E. in Raleigh, N.C.

Thank you so much for your service to our country. I admire your fortitude and determination. I pray for your safe return home. And I will be forever grateful for the job that you are doing every day. You had a choice in life - yet you chose to volunteer to serve this country. What an honor it is for me to thank you.
-Marti Langham, mom of a soldier, in Greensboro, N.C.



Thank you for serving our country and keeping America safe. You are truly our heroes. We are proud to be Americans. God bless you and your families and God bless the USA.
-Anonymous in N.C.

I salute you and your effort to protect us. I pray every day for your safety and for your safe return to your home and family. God Bless each of you and surround you with his protection.
-Mary H. in Shelby, N.C.

My family and I deeply appreciate your service to our country. As residents of Fayetteville and friends to many current and former military members, we are aware of the sacrifices that families back home make when their loved ones are deployed. We keep you and your family in our prayers.
-Mary Zahran in Fayetteville, N.C.

We greatly appreciate your sacrifice in serving your country and leaving family and comforts of home. Our prayers are with you daily. God bless.
-Nancy M. in N.C.

I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your service to our country. My uncle gave his life in WWII. I cannot tell you how much you are admired and appreciated for the sacrifices you are making to keep our country safe.
-Anonymous in Orlando, FL

Thanks some much to all of the men and women that are serving in the arm forces! I pray for all of you daily and know that you are making great sacrifices to keep us safe in the "good ole USA"! Thanks again and may God continue to keep you safe so you may soon return home to your families and friends!
-Sarah E. in Asheboro, N.C.

I just want you to know how much I appreciate and thank you for your service to our country. The article about Fort Bragg brought back good memories for me because my dad was there in the during WWII. It was before I was born, but a good memory regarding Ft. Bragg was that our house was built from a barracks that was disassembled

after the war. Dad went to pick it up and built a cosy house for our family of four when I was about 4 years old. That house has been sold and recently was remodeled. The Army, I am sure sold it for a minimal amount and it served as a wonderful home for my family. So, thank you Ft. Bragg and thank you soldier for your part in keeping our homes safe. God bless you and your family.
-Maxine Ashby in Belle Haven, VA

I just want to say thank you to all of you who are out there keeping us all safe back here at home! Even though we don't always say it, we really do appreciate you all for the sacrifices you make on a daily basis. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
-Marsha C. in Oak Island, N.C.

There aren't words to express the "Thanks" all our Military deserve. Thanks for everything, please know you are in our prayers and thoughts.
-Janice E. in Ash, N.C.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our troops for serving our country, whether stateside or in far away lands. Being a Veteran myself, I understand a lot of your sacrifices. I am proud to say I served my country for eight years and my husband served for ten years. The early 70's were a little different than today, but all of us share a special bond. Thank all of you for the job you are doing to keep this nation safe and free. God Bless each and every one of you.
-Libby McLean in Roswell, NM

God Bless you troops! As a Vietnam era Air Force Vet, it is an honor to wish you Godspeed and Thank You for keeping the enemy away from our door. Protect your buddies and return home safely.
-Mike M. in High Point, N.C.

Remember Those Who Have Served and returned, and for those presently serving our Country. A prayer wheel has begun! "TAPS" Day is done. Gone the sun. From the lakes. From the hills. From the sky. All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh. Fading light. Dims the sight. And a star. Gems the sky. Gleaming bright. From afar. Drawing nigh. Falls the night. Thanks and praise. For our days. Neath the sun. Neath the stars. Neath the sky. As we go. This we know. God is nigh.
-Debra D-C. in Kernersville, N.C.



Thank you for all you do for this country. I appreciate all that you have sacrificed to keep us all safe.

-Marla S. in Apex, N.C.

Thank you for all that you do for my family and for all of America!!! I am from a military family and I truly appreciate the sacrifices that you and your family make for people like me and for our country! Not everyone has the calling and unselfishness to be a soldier you are truly special people!!!! Be safe Great work and THANK YOU! With Love.

-The Babb Family in Goldsboro, N.C.

Thanks to all of you for keeping our land the home of the free and the home of the brave. We pray for your safety when and if you are deployed.

-Margaret E. in Farmville, N.C.

I will be praying for all of you for God to take care of you in this difficult time.

-Marian H. in Rolesville, N.C.

I appreciate the fact you are protecting our country and making it the greatest place in the world to live. Your bravery and faithfulness cannot be forgotten! Without you our fight for freedom can never be won. Thanks again and I have and will continue to pray for you and our country.

-Donna J. in Roanoke, VA

Dear Soldier, Thank you for your service to our country and may God continue to bless you and watch over you.

-Anonymous in Florida

From the depths of my heart and mind I say thank you on behalf of my family for being a soldier. Because of you we can rest easier here and our prayers are with you. If you need some Tupperware to keep something fresh let me know as I can ship some to you. Thanks again!

-Michael H. in Raleigh, N.C.

Last year for Memorial Day we made a sign to place in prominent view, right in the front door of our public business. The sign reads, "WE CHERISH OUR FREEDOM, WE RESPECT OUR VETERANS, WE THANK GOD FOR BOTH!" The sign stayed up most of the year and was put in place

again before Memorial Day. It will be in place through the summer, for our customers and the general public to see. We appreciate what this all means to us, and we thank each and every one of you.

-The staff at The Salisbury Emporium in Salisbury, N.C.

Thank you for all you are doing to protect our wonderful United States of America. It is a comfort knowing our troops are "out there". Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless and Protect You, Always!

-Fran in N.C.

Thank you for all that you do and may God bless you and keep you safe.

-Anonymous

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. May you come home soon and in good health. Stay strong. You are appreciated.

-Mimi in Cullowhee, N.C.

Thank God for our soldiers. In the United States our soldiers fight out of love for the US and for a safer better future for it's citizens now and in the future. Thank you all.

-Miriam W. in Wilmington, N.C.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being willing to leave your home and family to protect me. God bless you.

-Anonymous in N.C.

Thank you for protecting all of us and our freedom.

-Linda H. in Roxboro, N.C.

No words can express the gratefulness we feel for our US soldiers. Thank you for our freedom! Thank you to your families who sacrifice so that you can serve the USA.

-The Pennington Family in Raleigh, N.C.

Dear American Soldier, Thank you for your service to our great country and all the proud citizens within our borders. It is only because of your selfless service and the service of all the thousands of others with you and before you that we have the freedoms that do. My husband served as a medi-evac pilot in VietNam; his dad was a bomber pilot in WWII; my dad was a P51 pilot and instructor in WWII. We are so thankful that there are still patriots like you willing to serve. May go bless you and keep you safe!

-Anonymous in N.C.



It is our hope that you will enjoy reading and reminiscing about N.C. in the pages of Our State magazine. Thank you for all you do in defense of our freedom.'

Marjorie W. in Wilkesboro, N.C.

Hugs being sent your way. I am so proud of our Military and thankful for the hard work, dedication, and loyalty that each of you display. Thank you for choosing to sign up to protect our freedoms. The respect I have for the Marines, Navy, Army and Air Force service members is EXTREMELY HIGH. You've earned it. Please know that a Virginia family is praying for you. Stay focused, alert, and steadfast.

-Momma Skerry (at least to a lot of Marines) in Falmouth, VA

I'm a Tarheel by birth and in my heart, tho' in FL now with grand-children. Thank you for your service. I was raised in the USCG, educated by the USAF, and married in the USN. God bless America, and God bless you.

-Mary M. in Largo, FL (and Manteo, N.C.)

I am the mother of a NYC firefighter, Peter Anthony Vega, who was killed at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. I pray for all your safety and return home to the good old USA. I admire you for the job you are doing. I know what a strain it is on your families, as I was an Army brat myself. I continue to pray for an end to all casualties of war as I do not want any mother, father, wife, child, or other loved one to experience the grief and pain we have gone through since September 11. Please know that we at home, and most especially the families of 9/11, wait for your safe return. God Bless.

-Maureen R. in Rock Hill, SC

Thank you for your service. As a native American dancer, we honor you at every powwow. And thank you to your family for enduring the hardships so you can serve our country and keep us safe. God Bless You each and every day! God Bless the USA!!

-Becky D. in Timberlake, N.C.

My husband served in the military for 31 years. I worked as a government civilian for over 20 years. So I understand the sacrifices that you and your family are making to keep us safe. THANK-YOU!

-Anonymous in Nags Head, N.C.

Thanks for all that you do. My prayers are with you every day that you will be safe. Jesus loves you. Love in Christ.

-Anonymous in N.C.

Thank you, Thank you, all of God's blessing be with you.

-M.J. & H.A. Caldwell in Durham, N.C.

Thank you for your service to our country to ensure that we remain the land of the free and home of the brave. We are so proud of you!

-Mary Jo C. in Clinton, N.C.

Dear Soldier, You are my hero. Thank you for serving our wonderful country. Because of you, America is still the greatest nation on earth. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers everyday. May God Bless you and keep you safe.

-Mary Jo G. in Garner, N.C.

Thank You is not enough to really express to you our sincere thanks and appreciation for you and what you are doing to protect us and allow us to continue to live in freedom. We shall forever be indebted to you. God bless you.

-Anonymous in N.C.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving our freedom. We pray for your safety and quick return.

-Martha L. in Lincolnton, N.C.

Thank you for your service to our country and we want you to know that you are appreciated and not forgotten. May our Heavenly put His arm of protection around you and keep you safe. May you have a good day.

-The Kidds in Asheboro, N.C.

Thank you for your service to our wonderful country. Thank you for your service to our wonderful country. Thank you for your service to our wonderful country!!!

-Merrimon G. in Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Soldier (Our Hero): Me and my family want you to know that we are so grateful for your giving of yourself to protect us, our extended family, our friends, and our country. We appreciate so very much the sacrifices that you make, and also that your family makes, for us. God bless and keep you in His loving care always.

-Mary J. in Charlotte, N.C.