

My Pledge To Our Veterans

Former United States Representative, Jeff Miller, once said, "The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude." Visualize this: You are a student sitting at your desk while listening to the morning announcements. "Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance," the Principal states. You get out of your seat, face the flag, and place your right hand on your heart. Any normal day, you would say the Pledge and then go on with life, but this morning your mind has started to fill with questions. How has this flag gotten here? What is the purpose of saying the Pledge? Why do we do this every morning? The Pledge of Allegiance is a promise to our country and our veterans that we, the American people, are a group and we will stick together.

The thirteen stripes and fifty stars on the United States flag represent more than just a pattern. Each detail has meaning behind it which represents our country and the veterans who built our nation. The red stripes represent the toughness and vigor our country has. The white stars and stripes represent innocence and purity. Finally, the blue represents perseverance and justice. My pledge to our veterans is to always treat them with honor and respect because they have helped us live this life that the American flag represents. Our veterans have shown toughness and vigor throughout countless wars and battles. Our veterans have shown innocence and purity by loving our country and putting their lives on the line. Our veterans have shown perseverance and justice by never giving up even when the times were difficult. A few years ago for the Mountainside Memorial Day Ceremony, I participated in an essay contest through the Girl Scouts. Later, I learned that I won the contest and got to read my essay at the ceremony. I felt so proud that I was able to honor my veterans in person. This is a time that truly stuck with me.

Ever since July 4, 1776, two-hundred and forty-six years ago, our veterans have been the support our country has needed. Throughout good and bad times, our veterans were able to hold everything together. My pledge to our veterans is to always show my utmost respect and honor them when I can.