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Salute to Vets

How to Show Appreciation for Military Personnel

Military personnel are unsung heroes whose sacrifices for their country make it possible for hundreds of millions of people to enjoy freedoms that many people across the globe do not have. In recognition of those sacrifices, many people want to show their appreciation to both active and retired servicemen and women. Fortunately, there are many ways to do just that.

- Pitch in at home. According to the United States Department of Defense, the United States military currently deploys active duty personnel in nearly 150 countries. Many of those troops

are separated from their families for months at a time, and that separation can make things difficult for their loved ones back home. If a neighbor's spouse is deployed overseas, offer to help around the house. Whether it's mowing their lawn, dropping their kids off at school or inviting the whole family over for dinner one night each week, such gestures can go a long way toward easing the burden faced by spouses of deployed military personnel.

- Send gifts to active personnel. Servicemen and women on active duty do not enjoy many of the luxuries that

tend to be taken for granted back home. But men and women who want to show their appreciation can send care packages to active personnel serving overseas. An organization such as Operation Gratitude (operationgratitude.com), which to date has sent nearly 1.3 million care packages to active personnel, sends care packages filled with snacks, entertainment, personal hygiene products and handmade items. This provides active personnel a taste of home while also letting them know their extraordinary efforts are appreciated and not forgotten.

- Volunteer at a veterans hospital. Unfortunately, many servicemen and women return home from their deployments with injuries or health conditions that require long-term care. By volunteering at veteran hospitals, men and women can help veterans overcome their injuries and provide much-needed help to staff at hospitals that could use a helping hand. Visit volunteer.va.gov for more information.

- Make a financial donation. For those who want to support servicemen and women but don't have much free time to do so, financial donations can

go a long way toward improving the quality of life of active and retired military personnel. Many programs work with veterans to improve their quality of life, and such organizations rely heavily on financial donations to make their missions a reality. The Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org), for example, works to honor and empower servicemen and women who incurred physical or mental injuries or illnesses on or after September 11, 2001. The organization relies on the generosity of individuals who want to help wounded military personnel overcome their injuries and

illnesses. Based on audited financial statements of the 2014 fiscal ending on September 30, 2014, 80.6 percent of total expenditures went to services and programs catering to wounded military personnel and their families, assuring prospective donors that their donations will go toward helping those in need.

There are many ways that civilians can express their gratitude to active and retired military personnel.



Tommy Lee Nicholas

Private First Class
U.S. Army
1st Cavalry Division
40 days of service

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James

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Curtis Allen Moselely

Corporal
U.S. Army
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Matthew Forbes

Captain
U.S. Army
8 years of service

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Still Parachuting

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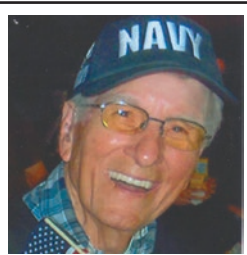
Sgt. Kendale Carney

Sergeant
United States
Army
6 Years

Sgt. Kendale Carney, American Hero! Served 6 years in U.S. Army. Tours in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. America thanks You for your service!

*Love,
The Carney Family*

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Edsel Hardin, WWII

U.S. Navy, 4 yrs.
Daddy & Paw Paw,
Thank you for your service to our country.

*Love,
Gail, Revenia, Lynn,
and Grandchildren*

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Billy Joe Hembree

AIC, Air Force,
3 Years

Thank you for your service to our country.

*We love and miss you,
Joyce,
Your Children,
Your Grandchildren
& Your Great Grandchildren*

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Edward D. Sullivan

Sergeant First Class
U.S. Army, 15 Years

Thank you for your service, Mr. Edward Sullivan.

From: Friend

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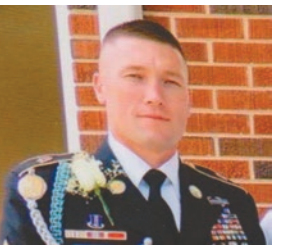
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Kenneth Watson
U.S. Army
Sergeant 1st Class E7

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*Bettie Patterson, grandmother;
Bonnie Barnett, mother*

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Roland Guyse
Private
U.S. Army
101st Airborne
Years of Service:
1943-1946

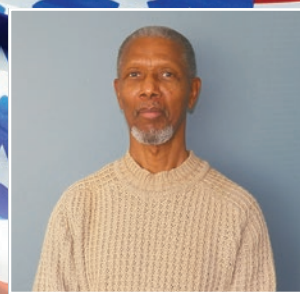
The Greatest Generation. Thank you for your service and sacrifices for our freedom!

Jerry Knight, Sunday School Class First Baptist Church Decatur

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James Lucas



Curtis Turner



Brian Williams

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We extend our heartfelt appreciation to ALL veterans for your sacrifices and service. We are extremely proud that nearly 20% of our elected Executive Committee members are veterans including: James Lucas, Curtis Turner and Brian Williams. We thank them and our many other members for their service and their perspectives in helping to ensure that our Veterans are never forgotten.

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Gerald Bradford
Sergeant
U.S. Army
2 years

Wife, sons, and daughter-in-law love you very much. Thank you for your service to our country.

*Love,
Ruby, Chad, Cortney,
Nick, and all
your grandchildren*

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Randell Eddy
U.S.M.C.

Brother, thank you for your service. We love and miss you very much.

*Erbiline Smith,
Howell Eddy,
Ronald Eddy*

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Bradley Tate

5th Special Forces Group
U.S. Army
3 years

Thank you for your service.

Amy, Roy & Carroll

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Paul Lamar Smith

Sergeant First Class (SFC)
U.S. Army
20 years of service

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Love, Sandi

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Charles G. Carpenter

Colonel (retired)
U.S. Air Force
30 years of service

So proud of your service to our country and to be your wife.

Theresa



Richard Sparkman

U.S. Army
World War II
Normandy

Thank you for your service.

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Your Family*



MSG Curtis W. Davis Jr.

Air Force, 20 yrs.

We are proud of you and we love you very much!

*Love, Your Wife and Daughter,
Mary and Andrea*



Orion J. Hyde

LTC
U.S. Army
34 years of service

Retired to his Heavenly Father
January 24, 2013.

Thank you, Daddy, for your dedicated service to our country.

*Love,
Linda and all of those you left behind.*



LTC Michael Snyder

U.S. Army, retired, 1986-2015

Thank you for your continued service through JROTC and for investing in future leaders. You are our hero Daddy!

Love, Lydia, Marilyn, Creighton and Eleanor

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SFC George F. Mills
 U.S. Army, WWII, POW
 Mr. Mills your life is an inspiration, your service deeply appreciated and your friendship is forever cherished. We love you!
The Snyder Family



Kermit Hill
 U.S. Navy, 2 1/2 yrs.
 3rd Class, Petty Officer



Floyd Hill
 U.S. Army, 2 1/2 yrs.
 AL Rainbow Division



Arnold Hill
 U.S. Army, 151st Engineers
 5 1/2 yrs. during WWII
 1st Sergeant



Eugene F. Hill
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