

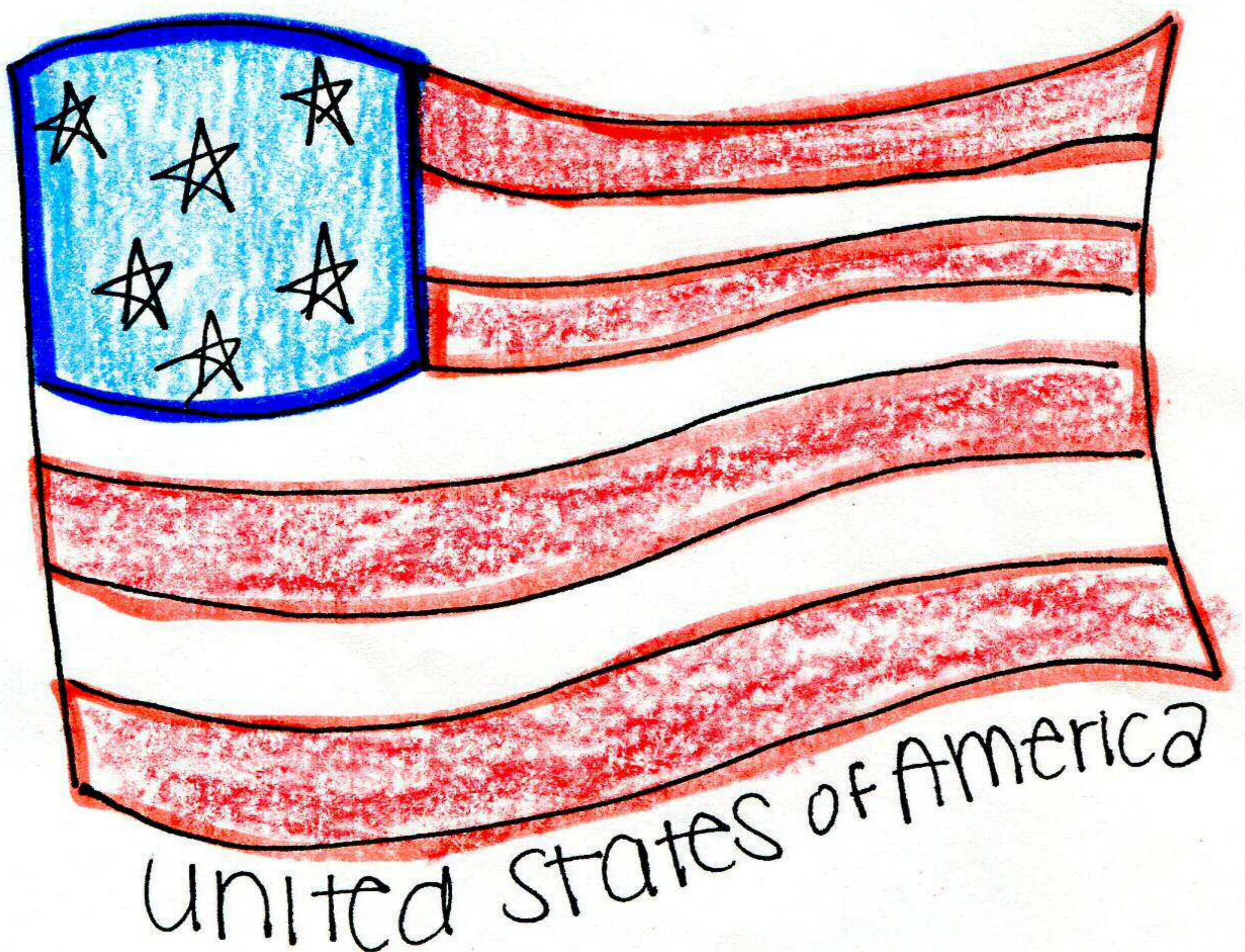
Thank you for your service!

Dear Veterans,

It is very important to honor our American heroes! We could never thank you enough! You have done so much for our country! Like giving us our rights and freedom. Without you I would not be here today. Our whole nation would not be here today! I had some people in my family who served for our country! My step grandma and my uncle both served. My uncle recently just got out of the service for 11 Years. I look up to them very much just like I do to all of the brave men you served our country. You all have risked your lives to make our lives better and safer. We really appreciate all the sacrifices you've made.

Sincerely, Jordan Painter

Thank  
you!

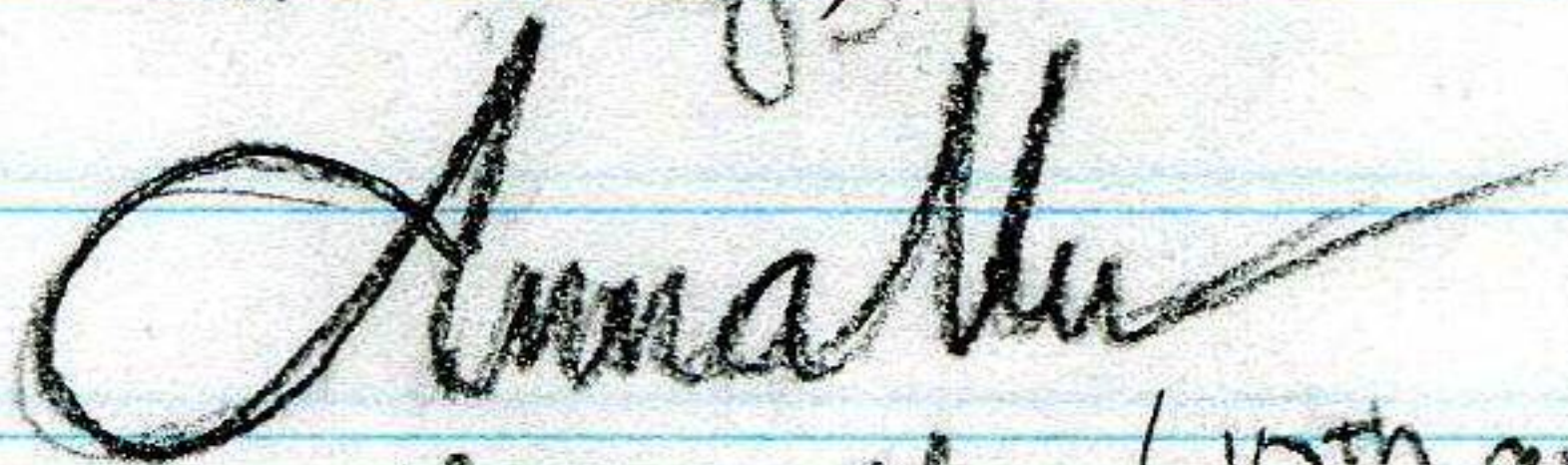


April 24, 2018

Dear Việt Nam Veterans,

I would first like to thank you for your service in the Việt Nam war. Learning about the war has brought me closer to my roots and gain a greater understanding. My family immigrated to America not long after the fall of Sài Gòn. Despite the tragic outcome of the war, your service saved many lives and protected our freedom. The United States has built a better life for my family and we are eternally grateful for this opportunity. I could never understand the sacrifices you made to serve a foreign country. Through both of our losses, I believe we have grown stronger and our past is painful but also what defines us. The presentations given were very interesting and gave me an idea of what soldiers endured and what my grandmother went through. Thank you for telling your stories, even though upon your homecoming there were no celebrations, in my heart you all are my heroes and there were more lives saved than those lost. I have recently returned to Việt Nam and despite being communist ridden, the people and landscapes have not changed. As beautiful as ever, Việt Nam for me remains a happy memory and I have no regrets. If you chose to go off to war or were forced, I can not thank you enough for your fortitude to risk your own life to protect others.  
Cảm ơn nhiều và tạm biệt (Many thanks and goodbye!)

Sincerely,



Anna Vu (10<sup>th</sup> grader at Green Mountain High School)

Dear Vietnam Veterans,

Thank you for coming to our school to talk about your time and experiences during the Vietnam War. My grandfather was also involved in Vietnam and was stationed in Germany working with communications in the Army. This was a great learning experience for me and being able to know what parts of war was like and how it affected the soldiers involved. You all have helped to further my education into war and helps me to understand what my grandfather might have experienced during World War 2. It means a lot to me that you all would take your time to share your experiences. Thank you,

John Chapman

I am extremely grateful for your service when America was in need. You provided a great amount of protection when you had nothing but to risk your life & for that I thank each & everyone of you because I understand that the hardships, duties & responsibilities you all had was nothing easy to cope with. I also understand that the overall issue of overcoming things is hard. I had a great experience in learning about your roles & bringing American History to life. Cliff, thank you for being a "river rat" & moving down the swampy rivers. Lynn, thank you for operating the radios & sharing your crazy experiences with us. Bill, thank you for joining the Air Force & flying over Thailand & spending 8 months there. Stan, thank you for joining the Army & leaving your family behind with no choice & giving the service to us for 4 years. Jim, thank you for joining the Air force & teaching us about clustered bombs & all about RR, NATO, & Aircrafts. Most of all, thank you all for saving our generation & providing love & support to America, I know you all aren't appreciated enough but we are proud of all of you Veterans & appreciate your service that continues today. I loved hearing all of your stories & crazy experiences & looking at the helmets, visual pictures & having you all in my presence. Thank you, Thank you a million times.

~ sincerely Itzia Hernandez

GMHS

Dear Vietnam Vets,

April 20, 2018

I want to thank you for coming to Green Mountain HS to talk to us. I was so excited to listen to your experiences in Vietnam. I also want to thank you for going to Vietnam to serve, whether you wanted to be there or not I thank you.

My grandfather Harvey Nakayama was a medic in the Vietnam war and if something were to have happened to him who knows how my life would be today. I am grateful for him and I am grateful for all of you.

You guys coming to our school made me realize that maybe I would want to be a medic just like my grandpa was. Again thank you guys so much for taking the time to come to our school and share your experiences with a bunch of teenagers.

Sincerely,

Tegan Marin

P.S.

There is a question I couldn't ask in class.

My question is, do you ever wish you did not go to Vietnam to fight the war?