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Patriot's Pen Essay

Imagine yourself being in the middle of gunfire. You don't know if you'll survive another day. All you know is that you're fighting for a good reason. Veterans risk their lives in battle for our country, so we should try our hardest to make them feel appreciated. To do so we can make a pledge or a promise to them. My pledge to America's veterans is to respect them by honoring what they've done for us and take care of the country for which they fought.

You can show all veterans respect in many different ways. Veterans are proud of serving, so make sure to acknowledge that if you meet one. First, tell them thank you for their service to show appreciation. Second, take off your hats when we sing the national anthem. Third, put your hand over your heart. Lastly, acknowledge that they fought so we could have a good life and be free. Doing simple things like this shows respect and thankfulness to America's veterans.

In addition to this, take care of the country for which they fought. Veterans serve to keep our country safe and our lives would be very different if they hadn't. Some of them have even risked their lives and were injured in battle, which gained them a purple heart. Appreciate this and try your best to keep the country clean. Don't litter and put garbage in the garbage can instead of on the ground. You can also help by cleaning up any garbage when others do it.

Imagine yourself back in the middle of the gunfire. After long restless hours the battle is over. You helped make America a better place. Keep your pledge to America's veterans because some went through an experience like this. If you don't show respect to our country and veterans not as many people will want to serve. So, remember to always appreciate America's veterans.