What Patriotism Means To Me

What does patriotism mean to me? I think that patriotism is more than just a word in the dictionary, according to the Webster Dictionary the word, "Patriotism," means, "Love for or devotion to one's country." But to me it is a lot more than that. To me, Patriotism means supporting our country and those in our country in good and bad times. Honoring those who have served for the freedom and defense of this country, all whether living, dead, retired or active.

Patriotism is why America is so strong, why we have America. People have a deep desire to be successful. Patriotism is supporting, devoting, and loving your country even through the difficult times. Devotion to our country means standing alongside it, no matter what, working and helping to make it better.

Patriotism means having faith in our country and never losing faith. You don't give up just because you don't think the country is being run the right way or because something isn't going the way you think it should. You trust your country to get back on track and you trust that it will all work out.

Patriotism a lot of the time is demonstrated by hanging a flag whether it is at your house, school, work, outside your front door. Flying a flag shows that you respect, trust and are devoted to your country. However flying a flag does not mean that you have agreed with everything that has happened in the past, but it shows that you love this country.

John F Kennedy once said, "Don't ask what your country can do for you. Ask instead what you can do for your country?" Everyday we are always focused upon ourselves, when we should really be focused on others. We should be focused on the things that others have already done and we should take into consideration something that we can do for them, something that would affect our country. And all the others living in it.

So what does patriotism really mean to me? Patriotism means the love and devotion that you have for this country. What does patriotism mean to you?