

# My Military Hero

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Before writing this essay, I thought about the definition of a hero. A hero is someone who makes sacrifices for the greater good. My father is clearly a military hero! At an early age, my father taught me to respect history, and to remember that many people have risked their lives and have died so we can live the way we do today... Free! My dad always says, "The United States may not be perfect, but it is the best in the world."

In my eighth grade history class, we are learning about the American Civil War. Our classroom is reenacting the war and I'm on the North side. The most incredible discovery I've made about this war is all were fighting for the freedom of people they didn't know! These heroes fought and sacrificed, because they believed that everyone deserved to be free. During the Civil War alone, approximately 620 thousand unknown heroes died for our freedom.

I have noticed that I am surrounded by heroes! Teachers, policemen, military, and many more who go unnoticed as heroes to help others they don't know every day!

This May, I will be going to Washington D.C., the birthplace of American tradition and heroism. While I'm there, I will be going to Arlington National Cemetery where many heroes lie. While I am staring at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I will be thinking of my hero. My father who spent 26 1/2 years in the U.S. Air Force, deployed to Desert Storm and Southern Watch, completed 13 assignments to include 4 overseas, completed his Master's degree, and is now a DOD civilian in Afghanistan working with the Expeditionary Work Force. So many have given so much, I feel privileged to be part of this great nation built by heroes!