

Veterans Day

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Veterans deserve admiration, respect, and recognition for their bravery, devotion and leadership during military endeavors. Americans should pay tribute to Veterans for sacrificing their time and personal lives to make America safe for democracy.

My dad joined the Marine Corp in 1997 he was 18 years old. He was in boot camp on Parris Island, South Carolina. While he was there he became an expert rifleman. After graduation he was stationed at Camp Lejeune North Carolina where he was a diesel mechanic. He was also a driver of a 5 ton Humvee.

My dad was in the 24th Marine expeditionary unit. While he was deployed he went to Greece, Italy, Spain, France, Israel, Quatia, and Kosovo.



The motto of the Marines is “Semper Fidelis,” or “Semper Fi,” which translates to “Always Faithful,” and they are. During World War I, legend has it; the Germans were so impressed with the Marines’ skill and tenacity in France’s Belleau Wood, that they dubbed them the “Devil Dogs.” There is “No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy” than a U.S. Marine. Once a Marine, always a Marine.

At the age of 21 my Grandpa joined the Navy. After his boot camp he was on a Destroyer Ship. They used to eat rice, oatmeal and frozen food. He met my grandmother in 1972, he was 22 years old.



My grandpa, Donald Sirrine when he was in the navy

To all Veterans of all branches: Thank you for your sacrifice and your bravery, and the example you set for us all.

To all those who served, and those who still serve....

Happy Veterans Day.