Dear ***Veteran****,*

I would like to take this opportunity to express what it means to me, to my classes, and to our country the sacrifice you selflessly made so we could live in this great country. I have composed a poem in memory of my grandfather and uncle to describe my indebtedness and gratitude to you.

What is a Military Hero?

A military hero is young or retired,

A man who is serving and often inspired,

A husband, a father, a friend or brother

One who left behind, even his mother.

A military hero travels near and far,

To shape this county of which he’s been apart,

To serve, to share, to show his love,

A country worth fighting for, one he’s proud of.

A military hero is no ordinary person;

He serves for the better even when times worsen.

He’s selfless, courageous, noble and brave;

He’s a hero of today, a kind soul, a knave.

A military hero is an everyday Joe;

He works for his family, not just for show.

He dedicates his life to service and safety,

So we here at home can live comfortably and freely.

So today, join with me to recognize all,

Silently saluting those sitting or standing tall.

Remembering all who’ve gone before those

We applaud and salute our military heroes.

I grew up with a Grandfather who instilled in me the importance of service, whether civilian or military. I cannot express enough gratitude to you for serving our great nation so we at home can live free. Thank you for your bravery and selfless acts of service so we may have the freedoms we do.

Thank you again for your dedication, your service, and your time in our military.

Respectfully,

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