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"The Price of Liberty and Freedom"

The liberty and freedom that we as Americans take for granted each and every day, came at the cost of millions of brave men and women who gave their lives to serve and protect the United States of America. Simple pleasures that we enjoy with our friends and family year after year would not be in existence if not for all of the veterans and current members of the Armed Forces. As a nation, we need to look back and commemorate all of the members of the Armed Forces, and the price it took for the United States to gain its liberty and freedom.

Historically, Armed Force members have sacrificed their lives, time with family, and other conveniences we take for granted to protect us Americans from harm. This is a price that cannot ever be paid back to them; the time that these men and women have put into protecting us is worth more than any dollar figure imaginable. We can never give these men and women back the time that gave up by putting their country before themselves.

World War I and World War II marked a time in history where the United States of America was under attack by other world powers. The safety of American citizens was in jeopardy and it needed heroes to rise to the occasion. All of the Americans who either volunteered to go to war or were drafted may have not believed in the war. But their bravery and strength led them onto a new path- a path for which we cannot thank them enough for. When the day came for the members of the Armed Forces to depart, they left

behind their loved ones, memories, and lives to go serve for the United States. If it wasn't for the veterans and current members of the Armed Forces, the lives that we have today would be drastically different.

By far the biggest price members of the Armed Forces pay is the time that they lose with their family and loved ones. Without ones friends and family, an individual would be missing out on the priceless memories that will last a lifetime. These men and women leave for months at a time and often live in a foreign country where they have to adjust to a new way of life and meet new people. This may mean not seeing your children grow up, or being with your friends and family on the holidays. My heart goes out to all these men and women, and I can never thank them enough for what they do.

The price of liberty and freedom that the United States has acquired over the years has cost men and women to miss out of the simple pleasures that we as Americans enjoy on a daily basis. They have sacrificed their life, memories, and time to protect millions of strangers whom they do not have relations with. But the one thing that connects and brings all of us together is the fact that we are a group of Americans and proud citizens of the United States. As a nation, we need to come together and recognize all of those who have defended our country. We must repay the Armed Forces for the protection, service, bravery, hard work and dedication that have come without a price tag.