

To All the Soldiers Who Answered the Call of Service. Mikayla Leskey

To all the young and old,
To all the homeless and unknown.

Who left to fight to make sure we have a tomorrow.

To the some who managed to come back,
Despite their wounds that never made scars.

And the ones that lay with flags covering them.

They are our Veterans--

Who saved us,
Who put their lives last,
And ours first.

For we are *breathing*, because of *them*.
We have freedom, because of them.
We are *here*, because they *cared*.

For they are the heart of this country,
For they saluted a flag, that betrayed them.
For their sacrifice and their resilience.

On this day,
We give our thanks,
Not because we want to,
Or because we need to,
Because they *deserve* it.

No matter their class,
No matter their age,
Or their gender.
Or who they love.
They are our veterans,
Who raised their hand first,
For this country.

They deserve a thank you, and so much more.

Even though,

“Thank you,”

Isn't a big enough word,

I will always give my thanks to the soldiers who are serving and served.

I Pledge (Maddie Broulliard, Colton Labrecque)

I pledge allegiance,

To the flag

of the United States of America

Right hand pressed tight

Against heart,

Right hand switching from

Holding toddlers' hands

To pulling triggers

And to the republic for which it stands,

Spines stiff as the pole they stand before

knees locked

Jaw locked

Eyes locked on one salvation and one reward:

One nation,

They are the amber waves of grain

And of green,

A body of sinew binding bones

binding

sea to shining sea

Under God

They are the sentinels of a million faces

And a million trails of smoke,

Indivisible,
Chins raised,
Reciting their oath
And hoping we remember our oath to them:
To accept their sacrifice
And hold it steadfast to our chests,
Like a right hand pressed over the heart
With Liberty and Justice for all

There is Only One Answer
Chelsea Koss, Devente Galarza, Joshua Grises

Why did you go?
Why did you keep going?
Why didn't you stay back?
Why didn't you cower away?
Why did you care so much?
Why didn't you betray us?
Why didn't you back down?
Why did you sacrifice so much?
Why didn't you give in?
Why didn't you help us?
Why didn't you ask for help?
Why did you risk your lives?
Why didn't you fall back?
Why did you fight for us?
Why didn't you give up?

There is only one answer:
It's because you are a hero.

Branches

By: Samara Mercado and Sara Cove

5 Branches of the Military.

Air Force

National Guard

Army

Navy

Marine Corps

5 Branches that protect us.

5 Branches that are heroes

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Air Force

Aim high. Fly. Fight. Win.

The eagle high above the chaos.

Protecting your base.

Rescuing your own.

Thank you.

National Guard

Always ready. Always there.

Natural disaster strikes,

You are there protecting the future generations

From fear.

Thank you

Army

Be all you can be.

Soldiers defending their country,

Mentally and physically prepared.

You do not work,

You serve.

Thank you.

Navy

Not self, but country

The selflessness anchoring you to your home,

All hands on deck

ready for what comes your way.

Thank you

Marine Corps

Always faithful.

An elite fighting force

Providing ever-ready quick strike,

Protecting your home.

Thank you

All of the branches work together,

Protecting our home,

Never at rest,

Always ready for what comes their way.

We will never be able to explain our gratitude to you.

So for now all we can say is

Thank you.

Red, White and Blue by Destiny Ouellette (Performed by Shawna Cote)

Place your right hand on your heart
A soldier's pledge right from the start
Even though we can't understand
We can try
you salute your lieutenant
Your bravery shining through
Red, white, and blue

You fought for our comfort
brave enough to take a stand
you rose up
Marched to the battle field
Gave it your all
In the distance, a flag waves
Red, white and blue

Wearing green suits and golden hearts
Veteran's deserve the purple one
Soldier,
you're fighting a battle not many can understand
But you always have hope
to guide you
As you follow the stars and the stripes
Of the red, white, and blue.