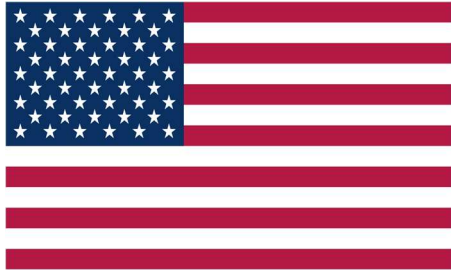


Thank You to a Veteran Activity



A veteran is someone who has served in our armed forces, in any of the various branches. Patriot Park is dedicated to the veterans of the American military after the events of September 11th, 2001. There is so much we can thank our veterans for! Their service and sacrifice to the United States ensures that our rights and freedoms are always protected. The Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial at Patriot Park has many veterans visit every year, and we can share our appreciation to them.

Before you leave the park today you are going to create a special thank you note for a veteran for them to take home after their own visit to the park. Writing to our veterans allows us to show our appreciation for their service in an easy, but meaningful way.

Directions:

You should use the template to write and create your thank you, including your own message and coloring in the graphics.

Use the prompts below to help you write your letter. Make your message sincere and specific. You can draw on a special border and your own illustrations to show your appreciation. Customize it as much as you want.

What should I write about?

- Begin with a polite greeting (ex., "Dear Veteran,").
- Thank the veteran for their service and sacrifices.
- Mention something specific you appreciate (ex., their bravery, dedication, or protecting freedom).
- Share how their service has inspired you or affected your life.
- Share about what you have learned during your time at Patriot Park and what you have learned at school about veterans.
- End with a closing statement (ex., "Sincerely," "With gratitude,").
- Make sure to sign your name after your closing statement.

