

A Veteran in my Home Town

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Do you know how hard it is to serve in the military, fighting for our country night and day? Now, imagine serving for many years of your life. My amazing neighbor, Mr. Rick Teeter, sacrificed everything for our country, serving 25 years.

Mr. Teeter was stationed in over 14 different places from 1988-2013. He was in Virginia, Bosnia, Germany and many more. He saved lives during Hurricane Katrina and the Golf War. With encouragement from his mom, he made this his career. When asking him what I should remember about him he stated "if you are qualified and want to do it, don't be afraid to pursue it. I'm no one special and I did it, so can you."

Although originally joining for the college benefits, Mr. Teeter realized he loved serving our country and decided to make it a career. Through the awful times, like 9/11, he kept going. He gave up his life, his family and his home to serve our great nation. Mr. Teeter was brave and hard working. He told me "It's the keystone of honor and integrity" when referring to how he feels about serving.

I am very grateful to have the military veterans that we have. We should honor them and thank them for all they have done. Just a simple thank you when you run into a veteran can make all the difference. These men and women are truly heroes in this nation and for that, I am truly grateful.

