

“My Pledge to Our Veterans”
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Veterans are not just ordinary people; some have fought in wars and some have almost died. That's why they all have my respect. Some ways or things I can do to keep my pledge to my veterans are writing to veterans or people fighting, helping veterans if they are older with things they may not be able to do, and listening to the stories of veterans or active duty members..

Writing to those either still in the military or who are veterans is a good way to keep my pledge to our veterans. Writing letters to thank veterans for their service not only makes me feel good but also might make them feel welcomed and appreciated. Also giving veterans care bags can lift them up. The care bags can have food or even extra clothes to Assist them to make them feel warm and also let them know that we think about and appreciate them.

Another way to keep my pledge to my veterans is to Support veterans if they are older. One way I can Assist them is by helping them everyday. I can Support them by walking across the street if they need it or cleaning their house for them. I can also help a veteran whenever they need it. For example, I could mow their lawn or get them groceries. Just doing the little things like helping them walk across the street can make a veteran feel loved, and it's the least we can do.

Finally, listening to their stories can be a very big help because not only can they get help for their needs but they can express their feelings about what happened during their service. Also not pushing them too far is a very good boundary to have because they might not want to speak about their stories because it can bring back bad memories. Getting distracted when they are telling you their story is not only mean but very disrespectful to them because they are telling you a story that they might not want to share but they are still doing it.

To sum up everything that has been stated, my pledge to my veterans is to write letters to them, help them in ways they might not know they need and care for them by giving them care bags or just listening to their stories.