

What makes America Great:

By Anna German

What makes America great is all the wonderful opportunities that we have because of our freedom. We have a good education. We are grateful to have all the schools and educators that we do have. We would not have the freedom we have if it wasn't for our armed forces fighting for our country. The people of this country are taking advantage of the freedom but once it gets taken away you have nowhere to go. So I don't take it for granted, but I use it to inspire myself and others.

This country that we have is amazing and I am hoping to serve in the Military when I am older. My family has several family members that have served in the Armed Forces including a cousin who is currently serving in the United States Marine Corps. I don't get to see him a lot due to his long term commitment to the military. It is those kinds of sacrifices that make this country the way it is. I don't know what my life would be like if we did not have the Government/Military that we have. I can't imagine what America would be like if we did not get her independence from Britain back in 1776 when we signed the Declaration of Independence.

People don't understand what is it like to go out there and risk your life to fight for your country. People don't know how traumatic it can be to watch your best friend die. The military continues to fight for our freedoms daily. Even though military personnel leave their families for years at a time. We always need to think positive that they are going to come back home.

No one knows where life will take us but I have complete hope that your sacrifices have changed the way people look at our country. What you have done

is beyond amazing. I want to say thank you to all of you that have served and given your life to fight for our beloved country. You have earned all the respect in the world. Thank you for the country you have given us to live in.

Thank You To All Active and Retired Military!

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