“In combat, acts of valor come from aiding and defending comrades.”
− WILLIAM R. CHARETTE, NAVY-KOREAN WAR

“The legacy of brave men and women who have fought and died for their country is the freedom we enjoy as Americans.”
− LUCIAN ADAMS, ARMY-WORLD WAR II

“Have the courage to defend it with honor, integrity, and your life if necessary.”
− JOE. M. JACKSON, AIR FORCE-VIETNAM WAR

“Moral Courage – doing what has to be done, because it is the right thing to do – is the mark of a true hero.”
− THOMAS G. KELLEY, NAVY-VIETNAM WAR

“Mediocrity and failure result from choice, not chance. Success is born of courage alone and God has made this marvelous gift infinitely available to all who ask for it.”
− PATRICK H. BRADY, ARMY-VIETNAM WAR

“I’m in awe of our nation’s heroes and seek to understand where they found their courage in battle.”
− JAMES M. SPRAYBERRY, ARMY-VIETNAM WAR

“Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people.”
− CARL L. SITTER, MARINE CORPS-KOREAN WAR

“A man’s integrity is his greatest asset. Without it, he has nothing.”
− LOUIS R. ROCCO, ARMY-VIETNAM WAR

“The most important possession you have is your name – never dishonor it.”
− DAVID H. MCNERNEY, ARMY-VIETNAM WAR

“One must have good character, solid principles, and high ethical standards to inspire others to follow.”
− WESLEY L. FOX, MARINE CORPS-VIETNAM WAR

“No matter how difficult it seems at the time, it’s easier to do the right thing than spend a lifetime regretting that you didn’t.”
− ROBERT O’MALLEY, MARINE CORPS-VIETNAM WAR

“My Medal of Honor should be shared with all my shipmates.”
− RICHARD M. MCCOOL, NAVY-WORLD WAR II

“Life on this earth is short but precious. Strive to do good for others and enjoy doing it.”
− JOSEPH C. RODRIGUEZ, ARMY-KOREAN WAR
“There is no greater honor than the opportunity to serve and help preserve our freedom – it's the essence of humanity.”
- JAMES E. LIVINGSTON, MARINE CORPS—VIETNAM WAR

“Millions have served in the military and made sacrifices, and most have gone unrecognized.”
- GEORGE E. WAHLEN, NAVY—WORLD WAR II

“Think about the past and consider the sacrifices men and women in the military have made for us.”
- GARY G. WETZEL, ARMY—VIETNAM WAR

“Your faith in God and your commitment to friends and loved ones will always guide you to take the right action.”
- ALEJANDRA R. RUIZ, ARMY—WORLD WAR II

“When something needs to be done, push ahead and overcome all obstacles – there is always a way.”
- JAY ZEAMER, JR., ARMY—WORLD WAR II

“Without discipline, there can be no success in any endeavor.”
- ARTHUR J. JACKSON, MARINE CORPS—WORLD WAR II

“We didn’t break faith with those who died.”
- EDWARD R. SCHOWALTER, ARMY—KOREAN WAR

“If I am a slave, and you’re free, will you fight for my liberty?”
- LEWIS L. MILLETT, ARMY—KOREAN WAR
QUOTES ABOUT CITIZENSHIP AND PATRIOTISM

“One visit to a country without freedom makes one realize that freedom is a precious gift worth fighting for.”
– ERNEST E. WEST, ARMY-KOREAN WAR

“We are extremely lucky to live in a nation where the dreams for our lives can be fulfilled.”
– MELVIN E. BIDDLE, ARMY-WORLD WAR II

“Go with honor, return with honor. That is America in action.”
– GEORGE E. DAY, AIR FORCE-VIETNAM WAR

“The greatest gift I can leave my children is their heritage.”
– EINER H. INGMAN, ARMY-KOREAN WAR

“Our freedom, envied the world over, was attained at great personal sacrifice – we cannot allow it to wither away through apathy.”
– THOMAS J. HUDNER, JR., NAVY-KOREAN WAR

“To be an American comes with many rights, privileges, and responsibilities. It is our duty to honor, defend and preserve them for future generations.”
– RICHARD A. PITTMAN, MARINE CORPS-VIETNAM WAR

“... I believe in liberty and justice and will fight to defend the dignity of man.”
– RICHARD K. SORENSON, MARINE CORPS-WORLD WAR II

“If one dishonors God or his country, he dishonors himself.”
– RAYMOND M. CLAUSEN, MARINE CORPS-VIETNAM WAR