

Veterans Day

About six years ago, my uncle, James Claude Summers III retired after 21 years of service to our country. He was part of the United States Air Force. He was driven to join the military because of his father who was also part of the Air Force. He said his favorite part of being in the military was, "being a part of serving my country." James was deployed four times to Saudi Arabia for four months, Jordan for five months, Kuwait for four months, and Afghanistan for six months. Among his many jobs, he solicited, negotiated, and awarded contracts.

James made many sacrifices for his country, but his family also made many sacrifices, too. He has three sons, one daughter, and a wife. He has moved over six times to states all over the country. He was in Florida from 1992 to 1995. Then he moved to California from 1995 to 1999. Later he traveled to Alaska from 1999 to 2002. He returned to Florida from 2002 to 2006. After that, he lived in Washington D.C. and worked for the president from 2006 to 2011. He later moved to Arizona and then retired. Veterans Day is very important to me because it reminds me of all the freedoms I receive in this great country because of the families and soldiers that make an emotional sacrifice, a sacrifice of time and most importantly a sacrifice of their lives for my family community, state, and country.

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