

## **What Service to Our Country Means to Me**

“ Service... Giving what you don’t have to give. Giving when you don’t need to give. Giving because you want to give.” What do you think when you hear this quote by Damien Hess? What does service to our country mean to you? To me it means military service, serving in political offices, public service, and volunteer work.

Military service involves soldiers going to war fighting for our freedom. Those individuals and the individuals involved in the Armed Forces have played the greatest service to our country. These wonderful people have gone over to foreign lands to serve our country. Forty million people died in World War II, and many of them died fighting for our freedom. Again, military service is a fantastic way to serve our country.

Holding political office is also a way to serve our country. Presidents and Vice Presidents are serving in political offices. These extraordinary people represent us, they lead us, and they have many more responsibilities. As a result, people serving in political office are superb representatives of the great United States of America.

Individuals involved with emergency services give a great deal of service to our country. People like police, FBI workers, fire fighters, paramedics, and hospital workers are part of the emergency services. When 9/11 struck, all of these emergency services went into action helping with the destructions. Therefore, emergency services help our nation with crime, fire, and health problems.

The last, but not least, is volunteer work. Volunteer work is an important service to our nation. Boy Scouts of America is a terrific example of volunteer work. Boy scouts do service projects throughout their journey going to the Eagle advancement.

Thus, if we don't have volunteer work or service projects, America wouldn't be the way it is right now.

As you can see, service to our country means more than a thousand words to me. Service can be anything from holding political office, volunteer work, armed forces, and emergency services. Service is giving. That is truly what service to our country means to me!