

## What Service to Our Country Means to Me

I believe it was Tolstoy who said, “The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity.” Serving humanity does that include service to our country?

What service to our country means to me includes military service, community service, and saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

First the military, the military men and women who give their all they give their homes, jobs, and most importantly they give their lives. When I think of the military, the first image that comes to my mind is that of D-day, the day when members of my own family sat together and waited for help from approaching American troops. The second thing I think of when I think of the military is the rise of our nation and the courageous war heroes who fought so hard for it in the Revolutionary War. Oh sure... sure... I'll join the military, but there's one problem... I'm a KID! I'm not prepared to die, and I'd probably freeze up or faint at the battle scene. So, what can I do to serve my nation?

I know I could do community service! Now there's a way I can serve my America at least one way. You know when most people think of community service they think of picking up trash along the side of the road, but that's what it is isn't it? No, community service is much more than that

it's making donations to charity, helping the elderly, and so much more.

Here's a quote from Jeff Warner, " We are not put on this earth for our selves, but are here for each other. If you are there always for others, then in times of need, someone will be there for you." But I want to do more than just community service, but what could it be?

You know what I could say the pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Saying the pledge is showing your love and your loyalty to your country it's a type of vow really. Oh, that beautiful banner, a symbol of freedom its majestic stars and stripes billowing through the air. Together they stand for truth, justice, and the American way!

To conclude serving America to me is military service, community service, and the pledge to the flag.