

## **RESPECT AND LOVE FOR VETERANS**

From birth, it is normal for individuals to profess their love for the nation. However, the million-dollar question remains; can they actually put their lives on the line for the sake of their nation. Unlike some individuals, veterans personify true love for a nation (The United States of America), fight for its flag and die with honor on the war front should death come calling.

### **Unconditional Love for One's Nation**

It is with immense pride and bravery that veterans put themselves in harm's way on a daily basis for the sake of their nation. These warriors, men, and women return home after their tours with painful memories of their varied experiences overseas. A handful of them return home plagued with both physical and mental issues powered by this trauma.

### **Veterans for Government Offices**

Serving one's country is a decision only the brave few make. As such, many veterans/soldiers make such commitments without fear or prejudice. All they need in return for such services rendered to their nation is simple...honor for their efforts and if possible, a position of responsibility to appreciate their bravery. Possibly even, in the upper echelons of the nation's political hierarchy (Congress).

This is indeed assuring. Imagine a fellow veteran occupying a position in government. Who else could best handle the needs of such devoted and patriotic citizens like their fellow veterans?. This will go a long way to benefiting the veteran and military community as a whole. Amidst the wide outcry by veterans in the US to be elected into government offices, their prayers are being heard. Talking

about answered prayers, 18 new members of the House of Representatives are veterans in relation to previous years.

### **The Bravest Deserve Recognition**

What these brave men and women go or went through is incomprehensible to neutrals. Formed by persons from all walks of life, some very young and just starting out on this challenging adventure. Motivated by one thing, love for the flag, as well as the values for which this nation stands and was built on. Like a child after success in exams where he/she is showered with praises and gifts, these war heroes deserve the best of what this nation offers, even after retirement.

Most of them live in horrendous situations with little or nothing tangible to support their needs as well as that of their families. With little or no savings while in service, their lives turn up for the worse. To make matters worse, some become plagued with a wide array of ailments with the most common being Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). PTSD caused by the thoughts and experiences, which emanates from battles lost and wars won.

### **Final Note**

While everyone claims to love their nation unconditionally, no one backs their words with actions with the exception of veterans. These men and women risk their lives on a daily basis to keep their promises and fervent service to their nation. Such bravery should be respected and cherished in high regard. A day set aside to honor their sacrifices isn't enough. Some veterans need to be urged to run for political offices and have a say over the lives and wellbeing of future veterans.