

# Military Poems

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## Dedication

*This book is dedicated to our veterans and all that they have done for our country.*

## **About the author**

I am a registered nurse that has been caring for veterans for over 10+ years, and I wrote these poems based on the stories they have shared with me.

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## A Soldier's Life

As the sun rises, bodies stir  
Yesterdays adventures one big blur  
Scary dreams, screaming voices  
Battles fought without choices  
Mind racing, body numb  
Boots on the floor, pickup my gun  
Another patrol lives on the line  
No going without my canine  
Walking the streets eyes all around  
Bullets fly, hit the ground  
Innocents screaming running scared  
Stand up and fight, soldiers dare  
A soldiers life is beyond compare  
Mind racing, body numb  
Hands and fingers tight on my gun  
As the sun sets, the day winds down  
Soldiers boots still on the ground  
Sitting on their racks, take a deep breath  
Another day done, survived death  
Laying down, eyes closed and eerie calm  
Body numb, mind racing waiting for dawn

## Another Attack

Another attack, innocents die  
So many asking questions why  
Terrorize the world until we believe  
Your religion is better than being free  
Another attack, we will fight  
We are free, we earned that right  
Sadness looms on this day  
For those who perished we pray  
This violence and terror needs to stop  
We will fight until the last free man drops  
You will never be a martyr in your time  
Pray you survive to be punished for your crimes  
Another attack, so many innocents die  
Burning wreckage, sirens wale  
Rescuers arrive without fail  
Broken bodies, shattered lives,  
Another fight to survive.

## Another Holiday Away from Home

Charlie Brown tree in the corner by the food  
Christmas carols to lighten up the mood  
Another Christmas away from your home  
Hot turkey dinner ~ you are not alone !

Your brothers and sisters ~ all smile and pray  
And trust that you will all come home one day  
Lord knows you've all been away for a while  
Christmas hats ~ candy canes ~ will make you smile !

Care package from home with presents you spy  
Tears run down my face ~ I can't help but cry  
Our Christmas tree stays up til you come home  
Family pictures remind you ~ you're not alone !

Happiness flows to you ~ this Christmas day  
Thank's for your service ~ is what we all say !



## As I Lay

### As I Lay

As I lay me down to sleep  
Pray the lord my soul to keep  
A beautiful prayer always said  
You are off fighting a war instead  
I lay here a lone thinking of you  
Alone in a place with friends far and few  
Say your prayers before patrol  
Come back alive is your only goal  
As I lay me down to sleep  
Pray the lord my soul to keep  
Bring him home safe to me  
Let him fight for innocents to be free  
Back from patrol still in one piece  
I continue to pray for the war to cease  
One day soon you will come home  
So I don't have to lay here a lone.  
As I lay me down to sleep  
Pray the lord my soul to keep  
You heard my prayer and he is home  
Thank you God I am not a lone

## Battle After Battle

Battle after battle  
Fight after fight  
Throughout the day  
And into the night  
House by house  
Street by street  
Hiding behind burned out cars  
Soldiers stay on their feet  
Step by step, door to door  
Abandoned homes, soldiers sleep on the floor  
Battle after battle  
Fight after fight  
Soldiers pray for a quiet night  
Afraid to sleep, stay awake  
Enemies in the shadows, ready to fight  
Soldiers stay out of sight  
Battle after battle  
Fight after fight

## Battlefield Cross

Helmet on top, rifle stuck in the ground, boots at its base

So much sadness on their faces

Dog tags hang with names of the lost

Dirty boots to show their final walk

Young men who paid a high cost

Friends kneel before them to say goodbye

So sad to see grown men cry

Battlefield cross shows honor and respect

So their buddies never forget

The cross lets their friends mourn

As "Taps" is played on the horn

"Fallen but not forgotten" some memorials say

Many soldiers live to fight another day

"As my brothers did for me" one tattoo said

One saying I will never get out of my head

Battlefield Cross a symbol no soldier forgets

## BATTLES

Battles fought a life time ago  
So for you to let your pain show  
Remembering the days you try so hard to forget  
I can see you are filled with so much regret  
No one understands what you've been through  
Only others who are soldiers like you  
You fought for our country without fail  
American flag over his coffin, his wife's black veil  
Sacrifices made from every women and man  
Fighting for freedom as hard as they can  
Battles fought a life time ago  
Time to let all that pain, go  
We teach our children about the sacrifices you made  
Their eyes wide open about the price soldiers paid  
Questions asked about the battles won  
You remember watching the rising sun  
From a fox hole on top of a hill  
Memories sent a big chill  
Battles fought a lifetime ago

## Broken bodies, Battered Souls

Broken bodies and battered souls  
Some young, many very old  
Fought for their country to give us freedom  
Fought for their country to give us peace  
Unable to escape the fight looking for some release  
Alcohol and drugs to make demons disappear  
Night after night reliving those fears  
Broken bodies and battered souls  
Some young, many very old  
More and more pills to ease their pain  
They went to war and were never the same  
Bombs exploding, fight after fight  
Many times afraid to sleep at night  
They went to war, their friends never came home  
In a foreign place they died alone  
Broken bodies and battered souls

## COME HOME

You promised me that you would come home  
SO many nights I sit here alone  
Until the day they knocked on the door  
My legs gave out, I hit the floor  
You promised me that you would come home  
Now I will raise our child alone  
My heart is broken beyond repair  
I sit alone, look out the window and stare  
I visit your grave everyday  
Sit in silence, close my eyes and pray  
A peaceful calm, relieves my tears  
Your my angel now, you'll protect my fears  
I lay a rose upon your grave  
Another year without you, your love I crave  
Everyday I try so hard to be brave.  
I look at your picture, you said you would come home.

## Digging In

Digging in for the night, your buddy standing guard  
Leaning back in the dark looking up at the stars  
Think about what you are doing here  
Can't sleep due to extreme fear  
Fear of not waking up because the enemy got through  
Mind racing not knowing what to do  
Fighting a war for reasons unknown  
People you are trying to protect, continue to throw stones  
Walking single file down the road  
Hoping you don't find IED's that explode  
Night falls upon you, days patrol comes to an end  
Digging in for the night, you looking up at the stars  
Still no answers of why we are fighting this war  
You are dug in deep and tight, it time to rest  
Tomorrow a new day, you need to be your best.  
A new day begins you are ready to fight  
Happiness flows through you, you survived the night.  
Another patrol, another distant town hopefully no soldiers go down  
Quietly walking single file, haven't seen any signs of the enemy for a while.  
This is the last patrol of your tour, time to dig for night.  
You remain ready for that unexpected fight.  
Why are we here a soldier asks?  
Like I said before, for reasons unknown

## Fallen Soldier

We remember those who gave their lives  
Fought hard in battles so others survived  
Our Fallen soldiers we will never forget  
Sacrificed themselves with no regret  
They gave us our freedom, speech and choice  
Without them, freedom would have no voice  
A moment of silence on Veterans day  
We close our eyes, say thank you and pray  
Touch their names on the wall  
Weep in silence as tears fall  
Families proud of the sacrifices they made  
Remember fallen soldiers and the price they paid  
Laying wreathes and flowers at their graves  
Proud of all the lives saved  
Our fallen soldiers we never forget

Fallen Soldiers



## Fire Fight

In a place no soldier wants to be  
Fighting a war so innocents can be free  
Soldiers going door to door  
They never know whats in store  
Bullets firing soldiers get down  
Fire Fight has begun hit the ground!!!  
Rifles firing can't see where they are  
Keep firing they enemy can't be far  
My very first fire fight adrenalin flows  
Keeping firing I say to myself fear grows  
I don't want to die God, hear me please!!  
Sweat pouring down my face, its 100 degrees  
Machine guns screaming as the fight goes on  
Grenades thrown with all my might  
With no end to this battle in sight  
Fire fight continues off and on till dawn  
Finally the enemy has withdrawn  
Back against a tree breathe a sigh of relief  
My mind is in utter disbelief  
Soldiers fought til the battle is won  
I sit and stare at a picture of my son  
Soldiers reload and gather their gear  
Here comes reinforcements pulling up the rear.

## GUNNER

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A man in the door" gunners were often known  
No one knows how many missions they've flown  
Helicopters flying over water and trees  
Gunners at the ready, to give those triggers a squeeze  
Flying through the air, they sit there with much unease.  
Door gunners weren't expected to live very long lives  
So many days they are happy to just survive  
They have a really tough job not many could do  
It took every ounce of courage just to make it through.  
So many missions flow for the year.  
Every day loading a ton of ammunition and gear  
Machines mounted on the side of the plane  
Sometimes having to fly through the rain.  
Being a door gunner you put your life on the line every day.  
One wrong move and the ultimate price you will pay.  
Door gunners job to help protect the soldiers on the ground  
From the time the helicopters touch down.  
Gunners such an important part of the war, will always be known as the "man in the door"

## Holding a Sign

Standing on the street corner holding a sign  
Please, anything helps even a dime  
Dirty body, hair and ragged clothes  
Wondering if they will eat today, no one knows  
Holding a sign, such a lost soul  
What happened to them? Life out of control  
Alcohol, Drugs, often the case  
Can't find a way to a safe place  
Sleeping on the streets, which ally for the night  
Back against the wall, ready to fight  
Hit rock bottom, with no help in sight  
Give themselves to God with all their might  
Standing on the street corner holding a sign  
Praying for just one person to be kind  
Standing on a street corner

## Inch By Inch

So many thoughts racing through my mind  
Looking for an enemy we cannot find  
Inch by Inch, step by step  
The enemy is behind that door I bet  
Rifles ready, aim is sharp  
I don't want to hear an angels harp  
Sweeping for mines, explosions I fear  
My friend is dead, something I don't want to hear  
Inch by Inch, step by step  
Close my eyes and picture my kid's footsteps  
Foreign eyes watch and stare  
US soldiers died for them, they don't care  
They needed our help and no we are here  
But I think we are the ones in fear  
Inch by Inch, step by step, another house clear  
Close my eyes and thank god I am still here  
Down the steps and out the door  
Bullets firing, hit the floor!!!  
Can't see where or how far  
That bullet wound is going to leave a scar  
Inch by Inch, I crawl on the ground  
Listening for the enemies sound  
Whispering voices I can't understand  
US soldiers need to make a stand  
Inch by Inch, stone by stone  
Continuously facing the unknown

## Jump From a Plane

Jump from a plane above the clouds  
Fly through the air, night as a shroud  
Quietly landing on your feet  
Gathering your shoot quietly and quick  
Hide everything under brush and sticks  
Under the cover of night, enemy patrols  
Hide in caves, under brush and in holes  
Jump from a plane, parachutes line the sky  
One after another, soldiers fly  
Battle after Battle, flight after flight  
Ready at any time day or night  
One by one soldiers walk onto the plane  
Hooks on the static line, ready to fly no stress or strain  
Ramp begins to close, flight is a go  
Taxi starts, take off begins what a show  
Engines roar as the plane begins to fly  
Higher and higher into the sky  
There they are above the clouds  
Hiding the plane like a shroud  
Jump from a plane

## Memorial Day

We remember the ultimate sacrifice soldiers made  
Memorial wreathes upon their graves  
We remember those who fought galantly and brave  
American flags at each and every grave  
Soldiers fought for our freedom  
So many gave their lives  
Brothers, sons, husbands and wives  
Memorial day a time to remember and never forget  
Those who sacrificed we owe a great debt  
Giving their lives so we can be free  
The ultimate sacrifice a soldier gave  
Wreath of remembrance upon their grave  
We honor those who fought in wars today and years past  
We hope today those wars don't last

Memorial Day

## My Soldier in Heaven

It gets harder and harder each and every year  
I return to the wall and feel your spirit near  
You went off to war and never came home  
Don't know how I can go on and do this alone  
I sit here by your name and ask God why?  
Why didn't he protect you, he let you die  
My soldier in heaven protecting me from above  
I feel your arms around me, all your love  
You gave your life to keep us free  
There was no other place you would rather be  
So much emptiness I have inside  
Remembering all the days when you were alive  
Smiles appear as tears roll down my face  
No more pain and war, you are in a much better place  
Sitting on a cloud, uniform clean and pressed  
My soldier in heaven, looking his military best  
My soldier in heaven I pray to you  
You are now at peace I will always love you

## Never Came Home

We remember those soldiers who never came home  
Gave their lives in another country died alone  
Ultimate sacrifice we shall never forget  
Their country owes them a great debt  
Giving their lives so people can be free  
We remember those who never came home  
Soldier's spirits are free to roam  
Boots on the ground in foreign lands  
So much destruction upon the sands  
Fighting for ideals that we make them believe  
Death and destruction families grieve  
Soldiers fighting in a place they didn't need to be  
Wreathes of remembrance float upon the sea  
Some never came home so we can be free



## Never Walk Alone

"You'll never walk alone" as the song goes  
Do you know what to expect?, hell no!!!  
Patrolling the streets , you never walk alone  
Every day we walk a hot zone  
Behind every corner, down a dark street  
Anxiety so high, you can feel your heart beat  
I hear that song over and over in my head  
Stay together, so no one else winds up dead  
"You'll never walk alone" words to live by  
Lord knows I've seen to many people die  
I sing this song, silently in my mind  
Walking along, villagers are kind  
The Righteous Brothers sang a perfect song  
It helps no matter what is wrong  
"You'll never walk alone" I remember everyday  
I'm going home are the next words I will say  
"Never Walk Alone"

## No More Fight

Medivac landing, rotors turning with an ominous roar  
Medics open the sliding door, boots on the ground  
Blood dripping down his face, holding his buddy's hand  
Kneeling down next to his stretcher in the Iraqi sand  
Wounded soldiers loaded on board  
Medivac doors slams shut the door, and lifts to the air  
Medics immediately begin emergency care  
Blood stained uniforms cut away, blood sweep done  
Fluids hanging, holding his buddy's hand , he won't let go  
Blood drenched face, he takes a deep breath  
No more fighting my friend, we cheated death  
Back against the helicopter wall he closes his eyes  
Thinking that this was the day he may not have survived  
We go home together or not at all  
You hear your buddy say from the stretcher, it was my call  
We're okay my friend, we won the fight  
You are going to sleep in a warm bed tonight  
He takes a deep breath and his hands begin to shake  
I'm still here he says to himself, I'm still here  
When you are able will sit down and have a beer.

## On Patrol

An eerie calm among the men  
Equipment and rifles checked on patrol again  
Out the gate, and down the road  
Praying to God, no IEDs explode  
Another patrol in a place we shouldn't be  
We fight so this countries people can be free  
Bullets ricochet off the truck like hitting a tin can  
Soldiers run and hit the sands  
Machine guns fire with a loud and angry roar  
Weapons keep firing more and more  
Air support firing from over head  
Loud explosions vibrate the ground  
There is too much bloodshed  
An eerie calm on the battlefield  
So much destruction and death my eyes I shield  
Equipment and rifles check, time to reload  
Walk down the road, back on patrol

## Personal Battle

A Personal Battle

You were sent to fight a war

That has yet to be won

You are forced to leave your newborn son

You go to a place and face death everyday

There is nothing to say

You fight each day and see your friends die

And all you can do is cry

You feel helpless and angry things haven't changed

Looking for things to be explained

Horror ingrained in your mind

Flying home and back to the grind

Nightmares cause you to scream at night

You still remember that fight

Watching your friends die

Everything has gone awry

Hoping you can find peace

Finding ways to find that release

Letting go of anger deep inside

Climbing up that mountainside

Your personal battle has been won

For you and your son

You look to the sky and tell God to take care of your friends

Then you say "Hey guys!! Till we meet again"

## PICTURES

Pictures of you on the wall  
I see you in uniform standing tall  
I sit and listen to the stories you tell  
Landing on the beach and going through hell  
Listening to you talk like it was yesterday  
Me sitting and hanging on every word you say  
Reminiscing about your buddies long ago  
Sadness in your voice, the pain that you show  
Some never made it home, you will never forget  
You remembering everything about them I bet  
Proud to have served your country, you show it well  
Stories you continue to tell  
Remembering all those who fell  
A proud Marine you remain  
No soldier is ever the same  
Pictures of you from a time long ago  
That Marine Corp spirit you continue to show  
Wonderful stories you tell continue to flow  
Stories of bombs exploding, and you loading ammo  
A smile grows as you look at your photo  
Pictures of you on the wall  
A proud Marine says it all

## Place

Fighting in a place we don't belong  
No one knows for how long  
So much fear in their eyes  
Car bomb explodes, hear the cries  
Blood and bodies on the ground  
Help from everyone in town  
Sirens whaling down the streets  
Climbing over pieces of concrete  
Standing guard at a place of death  
Knowing that no one is safe  
Cross around my neck, keeping faith  
Arabic language I can't understand  
So much sadness in this land  
Shoes and blood on the ground  
An eerie silence all around  
Why are we here in this place  
You can see the anger on their faces  
We are in a place we don't belong  
In the distance prayer and song  
Its time to leave this place

## Sacrifice

Raise your hand and repeat after me  
The commercial said you would be all you could be  
You will travel and definitely see the world  
In your fatigues and standing tall  
In a firefight with your back against the wall  
Your buddies scream as bullets fly  
Black hawks firing rockets from the sky  
Hit the dirt as the explosions began  
Dug in deep upon the sand  
When the smoke clears you look around  
Slowly your buddies get off the ground  
All except one who does move  
He was so young and felt like he had something to prove  
He sacrificed himself to protect someone  
Hid the young from a machine gun  
Soldiers cross for his sacrifice  
We will never forget, he gave his life  
Soldiers sacrifice each and everyday  
We should thank them each and every day

## Shadows and Corners

Shadows and corners, we search the unknown  
Eyes watching you, you are not alone.  
Open the door, in you go, room by room, step by step.  
Praying you don't find the enemy, at least not yet  
You hear whispering voices from behind the door.  
Squad leader says "no way out from the second floor?"  
Down the steps your patrol goes and out the door  
Not worth the risk to see what's there  
Squad is still alive, that's all I care  
We continue to patrol door to door  
Still wondering what's in store.  
Shadows and corners in this foreign place  
Don't feel safe approaching the staircase.  
Weapons at the ready for any attack.  
Your entire squad watching their backs.  
Uneasy feeling looking at the windows above  
Eyes in the shadows of those we are trying to get rid of.



## Soldiers are Soldiers

Soldiers are soldiers today or long ago  
So many not given the choice, they had to go  
Stories told like it was yesterday  
You could see the pain in their eyes  
Til this day some still cry  
Battles fought in foreign lands  
Some of their buddies never made it off the sands  
So many memories soldiers never forget  
Saying they owe their buddies a great debt  
Didn't know if he would survive  
His buddy got him home alive  
Soldiers are soldiers and will fight no matter what the cost  
We just need to remember those who were lost  
Battles are long over and memories still remain  
Some soldiers lives are never the same.  
They look at for each other even at home  
Soldiers are soldiers and will never be alone.

## Soldiers Prayer

Hear me God, this soldier prays to you  
Another patrol is about to ensue  
Rifles, grenades, ruk saks on  
Don't know how long my squad and I will be gone  
Patrolling a place completely unknown  
I pray to you so I am not alone.  
I kiss the cross around my neck  
Trying so hard to keep my fears in check  
Senses alert, eyes all around  
That first shot heard we hit the ground  
Rifles firing all around, oh my god what a sound  
Then I hear screaming "man down"  
Taking cover, I can't see a thing  
What a fight these bad guys bring  
I close my eyes and take a deep breath  
Today there will not be a soldier's death  
Hear me God as I pray to you  
This soldier and his crew need to make it through  
A soldiers prayer I say everyday  
Another patrol is on the way.  
Out the gate ICV's and Stryker's go  
One behind the other right in a row  
I close my eyes and pray to God  
Please bring them back from Riyadh

## Stairs to Heaven

Stairs to heaven, so many soldiers walked  
You reach the top, and those gates will be unlocked  
Light shines down from above  
Hoping you will find peace, free of pain, full of love  
You gave your life, for something you believe  
Fought a long hard battle, now find some relief  
Walk up the stairs to the gates of heaven  
Your no longer in pain, grief will lesson.  
Our hero, you will always be  
Our soldier who gave his life so we can be free  
I see you walking those stairs in my mind  
A smile on your face, words said in kind  
Up those stairs one step at a time  
Peaceful calm and music chimes  
I see you when I close my eyes  
When Sadness comes, I look to the sky  
See you standing there on those stairs to heaven  
You are at peace, my heart is free and no longer cries.

## Stand On A Cloud

You stand on a cloud and watch from above  
Every morning and night we pray to you and give our love  
So much anger and pain in the world today  
I stand back and watch with nothing to say  
Hold on to my faith is all I can do  
You stand on that cloud, as I pray to you  
So many people do not believe  
Saddens me that they are so naive  
I close my eyes and pray for a sign  
I see you on that cloud as the sun shines  
Miracles happen a smile comes to my face  
Your arms around me I feel your warm embrace  
Stand on a cloud

## Streets

Homeless vets fill our streets  
dealing with addictions they cannot beat  
Stand on street corners begging for food  
Often standing with broken down shoes  
It makes me sad to see what happened to them  
Returned home to anger and hate from a war 40 years ago  
Tired not to let emotions show  
Our boys today come home with missing limbs and distraught minds  
Soldiers trouble adapting to normal lives  
Sometimes they just cannot survive  
Sick, hungry, and tired when they finally come for help  
Then they don't stay  
All they do is run away  
And go back to the streets  
Somewhere out there they still have families and friends who care  
Soldiers feel life on the streets is a burden to bare  
Its sad to see what happened to these warriors  
Reduced to life on the streets

## Thank You

Thank you for your service so many people say  
We should thank our veterans everyday  
They fight in places no one else would  
Survived battles in places no one else could  
Veterans are why we are free today  
Because they put their lives on the line each and every day  
So I say again "Thank You" for everything that you do  
I wish I understood what you went through  
Thank you can never be enough for those who gave their lives  
Each and every veterans families remember those who died  
So we say "Thank you" to those who fought and remember those who died  
Veterans are why we are free today  
Remember to say "Thank you" each and every day

## Walk In Their Boots

Walk In their Boots

Thousands of miles walked in these boots

Patrolling the streets in foreign lands

Soldiers boots upon the sand

Walk in their boots and understand their pain

Battles fought, look down to see friends blood stains

Foreign places sent to fight

So many soldiers don't sleep at night

Walk in their boots know how they feel

Then you will see their pain is real

Soldiers walk in their boots everyday

Protecting our freedom in every way

## Desert beauty

Sculptured mountains rise above the sand  
Desert beauty throughout the land  
Cactus ' live over a hundred years  
Walking the path for Apache tears

The creatures of the desert hide until night  
Hiding from hawks,birds of flight  
Desert beauty is like no other  
Such beautiful earthly colors  
Paintings on mountains from a time long ago  
Stories of tales we did not know  
Desert beauty continues to shine  
Remembering a time long ago, old gold mines  
Sculptured mountains rise above the sand  
Save Gods creatures its their land  
Desert Beauty



## Awaken Sky

As the sky awakens you can hear the coyotes cries  
Looking at the mountains watching the sun rise  
Peaceful calm creatures as creatures stir  
Momma's cleaning their babies fur  
Slowly stepping out of their hiding place  
Creatures sit to get the sun on their face  
Cool breezes blow, leaves rustle  
Across the ground, tiny creatures hustle  
Birds take to the sky to find their meal  
Hyenas wait to see what they can steal  
The sun rises high up in the sky  
If you listen you can hear baby birds cry  
Flowing streams animals drink  
Enemies attack quicker than you think  
Run for safety in the blink of any eye  
Fly to safety, birds to take to the sky  
The awakens sky's comes to an end  
Bright yellow sun begins to descend  
Animals find their beds for the night  
Peaceful slumber as the days goes dark  
Coyotes night time howl and bark