

# **My Personal Hero**

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## **Who is my personal hero?**

Who is my personal hero? My personal hero that I picked was my grandpa, Larry Cox. My grandpa lives in Shiocton with my grandma Rita and their cats. Let me tell you about both of them. My grandpa loves tractors and farming, he has a variety of tractors in his sheds and barn. He enjoys fixing tractors and working on a farm. My grandma Rita loves crafts, she can make things out of wood, glass, cement, clay, etc. She enjoys making bird-houses and bird feeders. She also enjoys watching and observing birds like cardinals, blue jays, canaries, etc. My grandpa also enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

## **Why is he my personal hero?**

Why is he my personal hero? He is my personal hero because he was a supply truck driver in the Vietnam War. His branch of war was the Army. His rank was specialist E-4. He served for two years, when he was 20 and 21 years old. He served in southern Vietnam and Missouri. He was not married yet at that time; he had only had family and friends at home. He had hurt his knee and was put into a Japan hospital for many months.

## **Why is this so important to my family and me**

This is very important to my family and me because we can say that we have had someone that in our family who has helped our country stay strong and free. This is very important to me because I can now look up to someone that has respect and gratitude for helping his country succeed in many things. He brought all those men the supplies that they needed to survive. Driving those kinds of trucks can be very, very dangerous! If he were ever to hit a land-mine while carrying oil, gas, or ammunition he would have been killed instantly. My grandfather is a very brave man and

should be treated with respect, honor, and thanked for what he has done for our country.

## **Some facts about the Vietnam War**

The Vietnam War lasted for three years. The war started November 1, 1955 and lasted till April 30, 1975. The war involved many countries such as: The United States, China, South Vietnam, South Korea, Thailand, North Vietnam, Australia, North Korea, The Soviet Union, The Philippines, New Zealand, Taiwan, and others. This war was also known as the “Second Indochina War,” it was also known as the “Vietnam Cold War-Era”.

## **Summary**

War is a sad and scary time. We need to respect all those who were in the service, even if they weren't on the front lines, they still fought to keep our country free. Some of them lost limbs, and some may lose their own life. Some are scarred emotionally and some physically. Most people really don't understand ALL the sacrifices that these men and women make. We should treat all veterans with honor, respect, gratitude, and say thank you to them. My grandpa is my hero because he had protected many people in our country.