

I am a patriot. This is my legacy. It is a legacy of honor. Of faith. Of hope. And of colors. Red: for the blood of the soldiers who gave their lives so that we might be free. White: for the paper on which our Founding Fathers wrote their dream of freedom into a reality. Blue for the sky which reaches up to heaven; to remind us of the God who made us free.

We wove our legacy into a flag. A flag made of stars and stripes that reminds us of all we can be when we remain united. Our flag is a symbol of the great cause of our country. Every time I drive on base I see that flag, waving in the wind, above the lights, and it stirs my heart. It gives me courage. Courage to be brave in whatever I'm facing. It reminds me of my duty to remember the debt I owe to those who gave me the wonderful gift of freedom that I enjoy every day. It reminds me that freedom is my legacy. That is why I am a patriot.