

A tribute written by a 7<sup>th</sup> grader to her great-grandpa..... Nov 11, 2020

Veterans Day is widely celebrated throughout the United States, mostly every family is related to a Veteran or know one. This makes it a very special day to many. I am one of those people having a great-grandpa who fought in World War II.

My great-grandpa, Robert Nelson Taylor, fought with the Allies of Europe and spent a year after the war to help rebuild Europe. He was 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and flew the C47's, a cargo plane. On his plane, he would drop paratroopers. He flew full loads of 5 gallon containers filled with fuel. He did this so the troops would have fuel for their march into Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. He was shot at countless times risking his life day after day.

His family back home worried tremendously about him, however it was forbidden to share any information about his whereabouts or what he was doing. But to ease their fears, he made up a code to write his letters in to disclose where he was and that he was safe. My Aunt Ruthie and his daughters still have all those letters today.



Following the war, my Grandpa stayed to help rebuild Europe. He was in Europe from 1941-1946. He spent 5 years of his young adult life fighting at war and risking his life and that's why he is my hero.