

The veteran who has inspired me is my grandfather, Leonard Scavone. My Pop was in the army. He was in the First of Seventh B Company Calvary Division and he was a Buck Sergeant. Pop received these medals, Air Medal for over 100 air assaults in a helicopter, Bronze Star for bravery in action, Silver Star for bravery in action, and three Purple Hearts for being wounded in action. He was a brave man and he fought in the Vietnam War. He was in many battles and almost died. He did all of this to protect our country so that we can be free. Pop is the person who inspires me. He inspires me to be brave and have trust in him. I know Pop knows how to handle a gun and I look up to him. I love Pop and if I ever had to defend our country, I would do it for freedom, my family, and especially him. I think he may have been scared to leave his family and go to a strange place and fight. He had to battle everyday with little food and no comfortable bed to go home to. Sometimes he did not get to eat or sleep. He must have really respected Freedom, Liberty, and Justice for all to do those things. That makes me respect him even more. That also makes me love my country even more. Kids today should respect all veterans of war, dead or alive, for their bravery. The soldiers had to take many risks and many young men lost their lives. Pop and two of his brothers were in Vietnam fighting at the same time. We are a lucky family because they are all still alive. Pop fought in Vietnam for one year and finally came home after being wounded three times.

My Pop, Leonard Scavone inspires me to be a good respectful American. I love him and our country and will always look up to him because of what he did for all of us.

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