



## Great Questions from the NVMM

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### Great Questions List

Choose a few questions from the list below or come up with your own. No need to feel like you have to ask every question!

#### Military Service

- When were you in the military? Which branch did you serve in?
- What motivated you to join the military?
- How did your friends and family react when you told them your plans to serve?
- What was it like when you left home to begin your journey in the military?
- Tell me about basic training. Were you prepared for military life? What were you unprepared for?
- Where were you stationed during your time in service? What was your favorite or least favorite place to be?
- What jobs did you have in the military?
- Describe your daily life while in the service.
- If you served in combat and are comfortable sharing, what was that experience like? When and where were you in combat?
- How did you stay in touch with friends and family while in the service?
- Describe your transition from military to civilian life. Was it easy or difficult? Why?
- What did you do after leaving the military?
- What lessons did your service teach you that you still carry with you?
- What does your service mean to you?

#### Military & Veteran Family Members

These questions are great when speaking to a family member about someone who served in the military.

- What do you see as our family's legacy? How does military service influence that legacy?
- In which branches of the military have our family members served?
- What was it like growing up with a family member in the military?
- What lessons did you learn from the service of a family member?
- Can you tell me about when you became a military family member?
- How did your life change when your family member entered the service?
- Do you have advice for other military family members?
- Is there anything you wish service members and civilians understood about being the family member of a service member?
- Do you remember your favorite place you lived? What was special about it?
- How did being a military child shape your life?
- Can you tell me about a person that you felt understood by as the child of a service member?