

**War may be hell...  
but home ain't exactly heaven, either.**

**When a Soldier comes home from war,  
he finds it hard...**

**...to listen to his son whine about being bored.**





**...to keep a straight face when  
people complain about potholes.**

**...to be tolerant of people who complain about the hassle of getting ready for work**





**...to be understanding when a co-worker complains about a bad night's sleep**



**...to control his panic when his wife tells him he needs to drive slower**

**...to be grateful that he fights for the  
freedom of speech.**



**...to be silent when people pray to God  
for a new car.**



**...to be compassionate when a  
businessman expresses  
a fear of flying.**





**...to not laugh when anxious parents say they're afraid to send their kids off to summer camp.**

**...to not ridicule someone  
who complains about hot weather.**



**...to control his rage when a colleague gripes about his coffee being cold.**





**...to remain calm when his daughter complains about having to walk the dog.**

**...to be civil to people who complain about their jobs.**





**...to just walk away when someone says they only get two weeks of vacation a year.**



**...to be happy for a friend's new hot tub**

**...to be forgiving when someone says how hard it is to have a new baby in the house.**



**...to not punch a wall when someone says we should pull out immediately.**





**The only thing harder than being a  
Soldier..**



**is loving one.**

The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The text is overlaid on this background.

**A gentle reminder to  
keep your life in perspective.**

**And when you meet one of our  
returning Soldiers,  
please remember what they've been through  
and show them**

***compassion and tolerance.***

**Thank you.**

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