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Day Two

Puerto Rican Veterans

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- We paid our dues in blood
- with physical and mental injuries
- Miguel Velez enlisted in the National Guard
- and was sent to Guantanamo Bay
- It's like a jigsaw puzzle with one piece missing
- to honor Puerto Ricans

- Korea koh | **REE** | uh
- Vietnam vee | et | **NAHM**
- Guantanamo gwan | **TAH** | nah | moh
- National Guard **NASH** | un | al | **GARD**
- monument **MON** | yoo | ment



Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables where we see two consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the middle two consonants
- Draw a line between the two consonants
- Put a short vowel sign [˘] over the first vowel
- Say the word with your partner

The first one is done for you.

[˘]en|list

combat

internet

jigsaw

mental

husband



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Puerto Ricans are proud to serve in the U.S. military. They have been in combat in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Antonio Molina says, "We fought for this country. We died for this country. We paid our dues in blood."

Roberto Lloret enlisted and was deployed to Iraq. Every day he was there, his sister	55
sent him an internet greeting card. She would check to see if he had opened it. Then,	72
she would tell her family, "He's alive! He opened the card!"	83

Roberto came home to Puerto Rico with physical and mental injuries. Roberto's wife	96
saw that he had changed. At first, she was hurt. Then, she decided to help her	112
husband. She spoils Roberto by cooking his favorite foods. Slowly, the "old" Roberto	125
is coming back.	128

Miguel Velez enlisted in the National Guard and was sent to Guantanamo Bay.	141
Miguel's children were sad. Angel, 11, said, "I wanted to go with him in his suitcase. I	158
want to be in the military just like my dad." Adriana, 9, said, "The house feels so	175
empty. It's like a jigsaw puzzle with one piece missing."	185

Puerto Rican veterans want to build a monument in Boston to honor Puerto Ricans	199
who fought for this country.	204

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Besides a monument, how could we honor the service of Puerto Rican veterans?

Share your answer with your partner. How would your partner honor Puerto Rican vets? Write down your partner's ideas.