

Why Do We Celebrate Veterans Day?

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We celebrate Veterans Day because it honors the people who have fought and died or are still fighting for our country. We have this holiday because if we didn't, the people who fought for us would not be noticed like they should be. We honor them because they play an important role in our country. It is about the people who have fought for our country to make it a better place and where we are today is breath taking. People are burning the flag but it is not right. The people who have fought for our country and nation are in tears because they worked so hard to fight for this country and we are treating them like nothing when that is done. So, we celebrate this holiday to honor all the veterans because THEY ALL MATTER!!!!

It is special to me because I have a family of veterans who have served in many different U.S. wars. I thank them every day and year. I honor my great grandfathers, grandfather, and my uncles having served in the Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War and the present Afghanistan War. Some served more than 20 years in the U.S Navy, U.S Marines, U.S Army, and U.S Air Force. It interests me to learn about their experiences and where they traveled all over the world for one of the biggest causes to protect America. This allows us to live in freedom and a better place

We need to honor them and treat them with respect because of what they did and how it is encouraging for young men and women who want to be in the armed forces. We honor veterans and respect them not for who they are on the outside but what is on the inside for what they did for us. Veterans are amazing and they deserve to get what they earned. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day. We are thankful for President Eisenhower for announcing this day for honoring these amazing and outstanding veterans.

In conclusion, we celebrate Veteran's Day to show respect and to never forget the *sacrifices* that they made for us. Because of them, we know that freedom is not free. In their honor we stand by the flag and say the pledge of allegiance and national anthem with a hand over our heart. We learn from them that they are fighting for peace and not just sitting around and letting other countries take it away from us. We do what is right and thankful that we have the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, U.S. Marines, U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Coast Guard.