

QUESTION: What does Veterans Day mean to you?

The Bristol Herald Courier wants to hear from our youngest readers on what Veterans Day means to them. Please write a short essay (between 100 and 250 words) on what veterans mean to you. Select essays may appear with the student's name and school in an upcoming edition of the Bristol Herald Courier. Students are asked to bring their essays to **JOE TENNIS** - features writer and columnist - who is appearing at this year's Career Fair at Virginia High School on Oct. 19. Any questions? Please email Joe Tennis, jtennis@bristolnews.com. Call or text 276-791-0709.

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AGE 9 / GRADE 4th grade

ESSAY TITLE: Veterans Day

To me Veterans Day means freedom. Freedom to go to school, to go to church and to live the way we want to live. In other countries some children aren't even allowed to go to school. But because of millions of Veterans shedding their blood and some giving their lives we have this freedom. My daddy served in the Marine Corps for five years. I am very proud of his service but I'm glad he served before I was born. There are lots of men and women Veterans that serve today that have all different ages of children. They don't only serve for their children but for our whole country. They serve for every man, woman, boy and girl in the United States of America and for this I am very thankful.