

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 75 and 200 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. **PLEASE LEAVE WITH THE SCHOOL SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE AT YOUR SCHOOL AND COMPLETE NO LATER THAN NOV. 2!**

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SCHOOL Washington-Lee
AGE 10 / GRADE 5th grade

ESSAY TITLE: Veterans Day is an important holiday to me.
The military sacrifices themselves for our entire country. Hundreds and thousands of people have missed birthdays, holidays, and weddings to protect us. Being in the military involves not only sacrificing time with their family but sometimes even sacrificing themselves. An example is when my uncle was in the army and he took a day off. The person that filled in for him got killed in action. I am very thankful that my uncle was not there when it happened.

They fight for our freedom and protect our rights. One freedom they have protected is the freedom of religion. I am glad that they protected this so I can now go to church. Another freedom they have defended for us is the freedom to get an education.

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Veterans Day is a day to remember those who have sacrificed their lives, including those in my family that have been in the military. It is dangerous to serve in our military but I am grateful we have brave people willing to do so. Without them, our lives would be much different. Our veterans deserves a day dedicated to their sacrifices.

In conclusion, Veterans Day is important to me because it honors all of those who have sacrificed and fought for our freedoms. I am very thankful for the military and all they do for me.