

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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AGE 10 / GRADE 5th

ESSAY TITLE: Veterans' Day is important to me.

The military gives us lots of freedoms. If we did not have a military, we would not be able to ride the bus or come to school. They even give us the freedom to own houses and to go to church! If we did not have the military, then our lives would be a lot different.

The military helps many families during hard times. Not every veteran fights in wars. Some help families after natural disasters. Some give the families food and water. If something bad such as a tornado came and you lost everything, then you would probably want the military to come and give you food and water.

The military even sacrifices themselves for the United States. The military fights in wars for our freedoms and many of them die. Would you risk your lives for our freedoms? That's why the military

is brave and caring.

In conclusion, the military gives us freedom, help many families during hard times, even sacrifices themselves for the United States. I'm glad that we have a military and that we celebrate them on Veterans Day.