

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. 21

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ESSAY TITLE: Veterans Day is a great way to thank

veterans, and we have reason to. Veterans fight for our country.
Veterans go through intense training in order to be able
to fight and have the strength to conquer. They watch
things that I would never in my life bear to watch.
They watch many people die, even close friends.
Even though they see that, they still fight. They

fight to protect our country.
They fight after seeing horrific scenes
of violence. They also gave us the freedom to vote.
Without the freedom to vote, people could get angry,
and start chaos. Things could get very bad very quick.
The chaos could lead to fighting. The fighting could
lead to war.

War is a horrible thing I do not want to
get tangled into. With the freedom to vote, we
get to vote for the president that we as the voters want.

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Lastly, we don't have to fear because of veterans. Veterans make us feel safe by protecting us from harm. They stop things before they are able to happen. They stop terrorist attacks before they can happen. They don't allow things like that. Veterans go and fight wars so that us, as children, teens, adults, and elder don't have to.

In conclusion, Veterans Day is a great way to thank veterans and we have reason to. First of all, they gave us the freedom to vote, and freedom in general. Lastly, we don't have to fear because of veterans. Veterans are great people and deserve a day to honor their dedication to serving our country!