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### Veterans Day Essay

Veterans Day. A chance to remember all those who fought. All those who battled for what they believed in. All those who died for us. All those that served their country graciously. November 11<sup>th</sup> is celebrated every year with ceremonies, prayers and remembrance. But what does Veterans Day mean to each individual person? What goes through their minds when they think of Veterans Day? Coincidentally, my birth date is on November 11. Every year, our school attends a ceremony with past veterans and they share their heart-warming stories with us. While I was writing this essay, I realized that on this very special day, I was consumed by birthday madness and I never really thought about Veterans Day and the importance of it. I wouldn't even have a birthday without these men and women. No one would. The pains, endurance, fear and commitment they face to improve our country is known worldwide. But do people know the full capacity of what these soldiers have done for us? Without them, where would we be now? Would we have a house? Would we be in school? Would we have multiple opportunities? Would we have freedom? It makes me wonder what I did to deserve such a beautiful life. Veterans Day is a time to remember and praise our soldiers for their dedication and bravery. Veterans Day puts their courage in the spotlight and reminds us that there are men and women out there fighting constantly for our rights. It is also a time to remember the ones that lost their lives in the battle for freedom and peace. These people had hopes and dreams for America and they did not hesitate. They pursued what they want for this country. They have impacted the United States with their efforts and drive to create a better life for the oncoming generations and those to come. We will be forever grateful for the wars they fought for us. Recognizing this day is a way to show respect and thankfulness for those that laid down their lives for us and for those who have battled and survived. They are living proof that there is hope. Veterans Day is a way to honor those who have served. We will always remember and never forget our veterans.