

Saying Thank You

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Veterans Day to me is the thanking of our soldiers, sailors and airmen. We thank them for fighting wars for our freedom. A soldier is someone with loyalty, respect, discipline, responsibility, integrity and dedication. This holiday is celebrated with honor on November 11th. It is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world. This holiday is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which ended World War 1. November 11th is about all the brave men and women who have given their lives in the name of freedom. They have given the greatest sacrifice ever, by stepping forward and serving our country. Some have perished in the name of freedom, and some have returned with honor. They all have had one common goal though, and that is and will always be to protect this great nation that we call America.

This day is about making sure that our veterans are recognized for their service and sacrifice to our country. We come together as a nation to show our love and appreciation for this. We hang our nation's colors outside of our homes, wear yellow ribbons in recognition of their service, and hold ceremonies of remembrance to them all. I show my support by hanging a flag on my house, and sending packages to the brave men and women currently deployed to our nations wars.

It makes me even more proud to say that my dad is a CW3 in the U.S Army and has served in our nations wars. I thank him every day for what he does for our family and our country. He always wants to ensure that our family grows up free, and is afforded the opportunity of freedom. To me he is special and a hero, but he is only one soldier compared to the past and present veterans who are also heroes and special as well.

Veterans Day means a lot to me, and should mean a lot to Americans also. I thank them for their service to our country, and how they make a difference in all our lives every day. I wear a yellow ribbon in support of their service, and never pass up an opportunity to say Thank You when I see a veteran walk past me. I am proud to be an American, and proud to be part of the Red, White, and Blue. I will never forget the sacrifices that our past and present veterans have made for my freedom and our nations freedom.