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Have you ever heard of a veteran? Well if not i can tell you all about them. A veteran is an honorable person who has served in the military. Veterans are brave people who sacrifice their lives, help gain freedom worldwide, and shows leadership during a national crises.

Veterans sacrifice their lives for us. From being sick, to being shot, to taking on people that are out to get you and still fighting for what you know is right is lots of dedication and bravery. Veterans lose limbs and some even lose their lives in the process, their families become devastated but know that their loved ones did all they could to help their country. Veterans deserve honor, they help out with many things especially natural disasters. They sacrifice missing big milestones like their baby being born, a family member's wedding, and many more important things.

As vets they try to gain freedom worldwide. They work very hard and make a very big impact on many people's lives. Veterans give up their own personal time to help give everyone who is in their warm homes with their families freedom. In some countries, there are laws that say woman, girls, and children can't do certain things, when the US military goes to fight back to the terrorist some of the laws that restrict woman, girls, and children get pushed away. That makes other countries more free as well. That shows the countries how strong we are and how strong our military is. People in the US take rights for granted but in some countries they don't have freedom like we do and not many people notice how much the Veterans and military help us and our nation.

The people in the military show very much leadership. Many kids look up to the Veterans and want to be just like them. Their leadership sets a good example for everyone. Their examples make kids and adults want to set goals for themselves to become just like them. Veterans also set good examples for their own kids, they are showing their kids how to be independent, stand up for what's right, and never let anything stop them.

November 11 is a very important day. I hope that you celebrate Veterans day and understand more about it. Veterans sacrifice, help gain freedom, and show very much leadership and I hope that everyone sees how honorable Veterans are. With the service of the Veterans we live in the "Home of the free, because of the brave."