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Veteran's Day

"Veterans are a symbol of what makes our nation great, and we must never forget all they have done to ensure our freedom."-Rodney Frelinghuysen. Fundamentally, this quote explains the significance of honoring Veterans for providing us the freedom that would permit us to continue doing what we do every day. Because of this, America should acknowledge our Veterans on November 11th for their commitment to this country. Firstly, we should respect Veterans for risking their lives to protect this country. Secondly, we should honor the Veterans for their unselfishness and bravery in serving our country. Lastly, we should admire our Veterans for giving us the freedom that would allow us to continue the same daily life we have every day.

To begin, Veterans should be honored for endangering their lives just so they can ensure the safety of this country. To elucidate, Veterans spend and devote most of their time-fighting in wars that could potentially lead to the deaths. Additionally, only a small fraction of people in our country would actually imperil their life just to protect this country by fighting in wars. This is because many individuals would prefer to stay somewhere safe, such as their home. Because of this, we should use November 11th as a day to celebrate those who have decided to risk their own lives in order to save this country.

Furthermore, Veterans should be respected for being altruistic and gallant for protecting this country. To explain, Veterans are very unselfish about what they do for this country, as they are much more concerned about the lives of others, opposed to their own life. In addition, others may not want to participate in a war, as they are more worried and anxious about if they will live tomorrow. Moreover, Veterans are very valiant for fighting in past wars because other people may not have the nerve to be engaged in many violent activities, which would include war. Hence, we should celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11th to honor Veterans for being very brave and unselfish when they are trying to protect this country.

Last but not least, Veterans should be admired for fighting in wars because they help protect what makes this country what it is. To elaborate, Veterans put forth their best effort in trying to protect this country from losing a war. In this sense, if we didn't have Veterans at all, then we would have most likely lost previous wars. This would, in turn, make our lives different from what it currently is, as we may have been captured from other countries and be used as their slaves. As a result of this, Veterans should definitely be honored, due to their efforts of protecting this nation in order for this country to exhibit more freedom.

In conclusion, Veterans should be respected for being dedicated to protecting this country. To explain, Veterans should be honored for putting their lives in danger, so they can save this country. Furthermore, Veterans should be admired for being selfless and courageous when they decide to fight for this country. Ultimately, Veterans should be honored for helping to protect the freedom of other people in our country. Because of this, we should dedicate November 11th as one of the days to celebrate the many benefits that Veterans provide for us when they are protecting this country. As a result of this, "On this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans...so that we can live free."-Dan Lipinski