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Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a holiday in which we celebrate veterans. A veteran is a person who worked in the military and is now retired. I think that we should celebrate Veterans Day because of the history of Veterans Day, why we should honor veterans and an interview with my Uncle Fred!

My first reason for why I think we should celebrate Veterans Day is because of the history of Veterans Day.

11 A.M. 11/11/1918 was the last day of WW1 fighting. That was known as Armistice Day, but it was officially called Armistice Day in 1926 through Congress. It became a national holiday in 1936 through a similar action by Congress. The hope of WW1 was, "the War to end all wars", Nov. 11 might still be called Armistice Day but, then WW2 happened a few years later. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill which would change Nov. 11 from Armistice Day, to Veterans Day. The bill passed and was signed by President Eisenhower. A law was passed in 1968 to change the date of Veterans Day from Nov. 11- the 4th Monday in October. Shortly after that, it was realized that Nov. 11 had historic significance to Americans. Then, Congress made it so that Veterans Day is on Nov. 11. Veterans Day has a lot of history!

My second reason for why I think that we should celebrate Veterans Day is why we should honor veterans.

Veterans risked their lives for this country. Veterans who fought in Vietnam did not get treated well when they came back to America. On Veterans Day, we thank all veterans because there are veterans who fought in every foreign war. The wars after WW1 and WW2 are the Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan war, and Iraq war. Veterans Day is a day dedicated to honoring veteran heroes who served for this country.

My third and final reason for thinking that we should celebrate Veterans Day is because of an interview with Uncle Fred!

He was in the Army Branch of the military. He fought in the Vietnam War. He was in the military for 3 years. Uncle Fred said, "People were not happy with the Vietnam War and they weren't nice to the soldiers when they got home." "I was okay with that because I was doing my duty for my country." Earlier he said, "Wars are not a very nice thing." My Uncle Fred is a hero of this country!

In conclusion I think that we should celebrate Veterans Day because of the lot of history Veterans Day has, why veterans should be honored, and an interview with my Uncle Fred! Veterans will fight for this country no matter what. Veterans Day is basically a day to honor and give thanks to the veteran heroes who risked their lives for this country.

The sources that I used for this essay are:

<https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/vetday.pdf>, the Veterans Day presentation that is on Abram homeroom, and my Uncle Fred!