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Veterans Day Essay

I think that Veterans Day is an important day to be celebrated because it honors our loved ones and relatives who have risked and lost their lives. And it is a very good day to just honor all the people who have fought for our country. After talking to my dad and my grandfather (Vovo) I have learned that all parts of war are terrible.

My grandfather was in 2 different wars but not here he was shipped off to Mozambique Africa, and Angola. Both of those countries were seeking independence and many countries were sending troops there to fight. He said that at one point there were 7 different countries with troops and not all countries were on the same side.

He said that war is terrible and you are not just fighting the enemy you are sometimes fighting everything around you. He was in what was called jungle warfare and he had to sleep at night in the middle of the jungle. They encountered things like crocodiles, alligators, anacondas, all kinds of poisonous insects. And that one night one of his friends was killed by monkeys throwing rocks. He does not like to talk about it and I got most of this information from my dad.

Back then, it was the 1960's. Most troops were sent by large boats, it took over a month to get there. Many people got seasick as well as actual sick and there were few doctors on the boats to help. The food toward the end of the trip started to run out and spoil. One day the cook accidentally served meat that was spoiled and more than half of the people on the boat got very sick. As a way to protest they grabbed the cook from the kitchen and took him up to the top deck of the boat and threw him out into the water. They immediately threw him a life preserver and helped him back onboard and told him not to not do it again.

In conclusion we should appreciate and honor our veterans. After talking to just one person about their experiences in a war I have learned that all parts of war are terrible all veterans should be honored.