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Veterans Day Essay

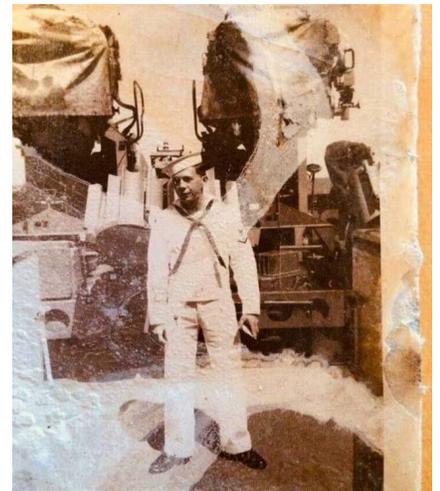
Every year we celebrate a holiday to honor veterans. Do you ever wonder why people have a day off November 11? It is a holiday to celebrate the people who were in the military.

The point of this essay is to show how important Veterans Day and how people need to really appreciate veterans for their commitment to help America.

Do you wonder why we celebrate Veterans Day? It is an important holiday because it is to honor the decisions veterans made and risked their lives for their country. The veteran risked their lives for us and Veterans Day is the day where we honor the veterans the most. Some people had to hide their identities to keep them and their families safe. It was originally called Armistice Day.

Do you ever wonder who declared Veterans Day? U.S. representative Ed Rees from Emporia, Kansas, presented a bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954. It had been eight and a half years since a man held his first Armistice Day celebration for all veterans.

My grandfather Wilfred Beria said that he loves being a veteran because he feels like he really helped. He was a sophomore in high school and started being in the military in October of 1962. He went to school Monday through Friday and on the weekends he did the navy reserves. He says that he didn't have a choice. He joined the navy. He was 17 years old when he joined the Navy. He traveled all over the country. He got different foods in every place he went, and he says that the best food he had was Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. He says that when he was on boats he got sea sick a couple times. The bosses were very strict to him and everyone else. He said that you would be assigned jobs and if you didn't do them you might die. He had a lot of responsibility. His father had been in World War II. He was in the Navy reserves for 10 years and he was in the army national guard for 3 years.





He learned navigation and learned to drive the ships. They taught him to fire the cannons too. He says that when he was on ships he saw many sea creatures like whales, dolphins, many fish, and other large sea creatures. He said that you weren't trained before you would leave, and that you would learn how to do everything as you went. He says that he was called Master Helmsman; he said the people on the boat called him that because he was so good at steering the boat. He says that it was a big part of his life to be in the military. He said that the beds that he slept on were comfortable and when you were so tired it just felt good to go to sleep.

He finally went to college at the age of 24 but still did the Navy reserves. He went to college at the Culinary Institute of America. He finally graduated college at 28. He was glad he was in the Navy. Not all 17 year old boys have to go to war anymore but he did. Sadly many of his friends died in the Navy but he still has some friends from that time. He then went back to his family in Worcester. Later he got married and his wife had his son and two years later my mom was born. He said that if he had to go back to the Navy he would.

