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## Veterans Day

Veterans Day, most people see it as a day off, all the while not understanding what Veterans Day really is. Veterans Day happens once a year on November 11th. This is day is to remember the sacrifice, the commitment, and the character of the veterans who risked their life to protect ours, in a display of patriotism that the very foundation of the United States is built from.

Every single day veterans are sacrificing something of value to them, in order to protect us. Most veterans, when they were in battle, risking their very life to protect the sanctity of the American resolve, had a family, of which they put on the back burner in order to protect people they don't even know. Most Veterans, while at war in a foreign country, are thousands of miles from their family, each increasing mile bringing them closer to manic insanity. Veterans risked their own lives for ours, people they don't even know, they risked their life for. Why would they do this? I believe they would only do this to protect the rights we hold dear to our hearts, and the freedom we mindlessly enjoy everyday, blind to the cost. They don't ask for this well deserved ideology, the simple fact that every American can go to sleep knowing they will be safe is enough. Veterans are always committed, never backing down to the suppressive power, seeking nothing more than the utter desolation of

the American freedom we cherish the most. Every single day there are soldiers risking their life to protect us. When they come back they are considered veterans, some of them even paying the ultimate price, using their life as a proverbial bargain chip to buy American prosperity, leaving their family, the ones they hold nearest and dearest to their hearts, devastated and empty, simply for the sake of preserving the freedoms we are all granted as citizens of this fine country. Commitment is something every veteran has, they did everything they could just to protect this great country. My grandfather is a veteran, he was in desert storm, and he fought with a steely resolve, and every single ounce of his being, in order to ensure that the country he loved could sleep easy . He wanted to make sure that his kids would be able to sleep knowing that he is out there, protecting them from the malicious intent of the enemy.

Most veterans when they come back from war they might have post traumatic distress order, or PTSD. Think about, when they first joined the military they had a strong character, like they could do anything transcending the limits of humanity , but when they come back they are still in war mode, simply meaning they might have flashbacks of traumatic experiences, coupled with a very trigger happy fight or flight reflex. They risked their lives to be like this and all we give them is a day, which most people think of it as a day off. They deserve much more than just a day of memory. They threw caution to the wind, they volunteered when other shied away from the call to action, they missed out on great chunks of their family life, simply in order to ensure that our freedoms, not theirs, our freedoms were safe from tyranny. Some veterans aren't like this, but most of them do have PTSD. The ones that don't are thankful, because they don't understand what it feels like to

live in fear thinking that you are always in war, all the while just being submerged in a sick twisted dream of times worse than what they are currently experiencing.

In short, Veterans Day isn't just a day off, it is a day to remember the great people of the United States who risked their life every single day to make sure that we wake up in a free country. If this doesn't show sacrifice, commitment, and character I don't know what does anymore.