

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

By: Julia Young

Memorial Day means different things to different people. Its purpose is to honor soldiers who died in war. Personally, Memorial Day is a day to celebrate the freedom of our Nation, remember the lives that were lost protecting this country, and learn about the bravery, perseverance, and true selflessness shown by the dead servicemen of the United States.

Although Memorial Day might sound sorrowful, I believe it is a joyous day of celebration. It is a day for the citizens of the United States to recognize the freedom given to them by the soldiers who died in war. According to The United States Department of Justice, "On Memorial Day, our Nation unites in remembrance of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who gave their lives to defend our freedoms" (Clarke). These fallen soldiers gave their lives for the well being of this country and its people.

Another major part of Memorial Day is the remembrance of the men and women who died protecting this country. The lives that were lost in the midst of war need to be remembered. These brave soldiers sacrificed their lives, seeing their family again, and having a future for our country. I believe that these sacrifices, and the people who made them need to be honored.

The deceased veterans not only need to be remembered for their sacrifices, but also their bravery. These soldiers were courageous, selfless, and persevered through tough times. They put their country and the people that make this country what it is before themselves. They never gave up when fighting was strenuous. To me, Memorial Day is a day to honor fallen soldiers, celebrate the freedom granted to us, and admire the true bravery of the veterans who died protecting the United States.

COMMEMORATING OUR SOLDIERS

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In honor of America's fallen soldiers, the United States military has fought through countless wars, enduring devastating losses, to secure our freedom and future. What is freedom to you, knowing it was fought for by the American soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for us? Our ancestors served through difficult times to pursue our independence, so we can traverse through our nation's beautiful land, sing and dance with sentiment passion, and relax safely and worry-free. In my eyes, we should always cherish those who risked their lives to prevent harm and protect us.

In the memory of the unfortunate lives we have lost to war, we observe the annual federal holiday on May 30th as a day of grieving. To recognize America's brave saviors and courageous soldiers, Memorial Day sprouts warmth and empathy to those who mourn their sorrowful loss of their hero.

Memorial Day means to me as a holiday that serves as a reminder to appreciate those who have died in the past wars, and commemorate their selflessness that has provided us safety in the U.S. For the countless women and men who have given their lives in service to our nation, Memorial Day honors their earnest commitment. How bitter is it to leave your loved ones, knowing there is a chance you will never see them again? How heartbreaking is it to witness an American warrior, especially one who has young children and a partner, to never return after a brutal war?

As U.S. citizens, it is important to participate in community events and ceremonies that honor our soldiers. By doing so, we can keep their legacy alive and hold high regards that their sacrifices were not in vain. Let us recognize those who have heroically secured our freedoms, and express our gratitude for their courageous sacrifice. Let us ensure that the memory of our fallen soldiers will never be forgotten!