

## *Why American Veterans should be Honored*

*I think that American Veterans should be honored because of their great work. People that fight for our country are brave, confident, remarkable human beings. Our American Veterans are outstanding. They fight not caring if they die, but caring for friends, family, and even strangers they have never spoken to. "If they live in my country, I'm fighting for them", my Uncle Dave said. My Uncle Dave was in the Vietnam War. He was shot from the front, through the stomach, and out the back, hitting everything in its path. He then got carried off the field by helicopter and brought to the medical room. After he was all cleaned up and feeling better he was sent to another hospital, and then home to Prospect, Connecticut. He now lives in Georgia with his wife, getting up every day to look out the window, proud that he fought for our*

country. My Uncle Dave is an amazing guy. I never realized that fighting was so important until I met him. American Veterans also should be honored for many other reasons. One is because young men and women are fighting at the age of eighteen. They are risking their lives at very young ages when they could be safe at home. They put themselves through danger every day. But age doesn't make a difference. It's the fact that people are putting their life on the line for every one of us. People take Veterans Day as an excuse to be off from work or a day away from school. It's taken very lightly, when it should be taken with full seriousness. Every bullet fired, cannon shot, or grenade thrown, 95% of the time injures or kills a group of people. Or even as little as just one person. Every day, 500 or more people that aren't fighting, lose a family member or even just a friend that was fighting. This doesn't only affect the person killed; it affects the ones that love them. The American Veterans that survived are tremendously admired. You

*may be thinking of other reasons why these hero's  
should be honored as I am also, but these are  
just a few that I wanted to share with you why  
I think that the American Veterans should be  
honored.*

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