405,399 In World War II, 36,574 In the Korean War, 58,220 in the Vietnam War and thousands of others. There have been Countless lives lost and thousands of people Impacted Serving In America's Military. Milions of people who have Served In our nations Military, and who have Stoped at nothing to fight for the freedoms and right we have today. Veterans are not just people who Have died In War, but are people who were, and are willing to die for the Country we all Call home. November 11th 'Isn't just a day to celebrate our brave veterans. Its a day to thank them for their service and willingne to fight for the futare of America, and the genarations to Come.

There have been many people In my family that have Served In the military. I have grown up around Many Veterans who have Impacted my life, and taught Me Countless life lessons that have affected how I think and what I do. The Veteran that has Impacted my life the most has been my grandpa Frank.

My grandpa Frank is one of the Strongest people I Know, not just phisicaly but mentaly to. My grandpa Volunteered for the military In 1970 as a Combat enjineer during the Vietnam War. He fought In Vietnam until 1972, When he came home. During this time In our nations history, Many Veterans Where not welcomed home. They Come home to a divided america, and Many of Our veterans Struggled to get back on their feet. My grandpa Frank was one of them. When my grandpa Came home he had PtSd like Many other Veterans Coming home from war. This affected thousands of our veterans everyda

Although my grandpa has to live with this everyday It doesn't stop him from moving forward. My grandpa has had a huge impact on not only how I veiw things, but how I act aswell. He has taught me to keep pushing past what I think my limits are, and to always give 110% In everything I do. My grandpa is one of the funniest and bravest people I know and he is truely someone I look up to.

Veterans day is not just important to me because Its a day to thank people who have served. Its importan to me because Its a day to celebrate what our veterans have or are willing to do for our nation. The bravory and love our veterans have for our country Shouldnt just be noticed on veterans day. It should b noticed and thanked every single day. So I strongly encourage you to thank every veteran you see. Whether Its at the store or the gas station our veterans deserve more than just November 11th to be thanked. And as Howard Osterkamp once said "All gave some, and some gave all".