

Heroes

When you think about what a hero is, what do you envision? Maybe you envision Wonder Woman running into a burning building to save civilians. Maybe you imagine Black Panther in a suit, fighting for peace and freedom. You might even imagine Superman being there for crying children, striking disasters, and erupting conflicts. This thought of a hero is often made up in our heads and lives deep in our imaginations. We normally think that we would get to experience this dream of a "hero" only in the movies or in comic books. But what if there are real heroes living amongst us every single day?

I am not talking about anyone with crazy superpowers or abilities. I am talking about the men and women who proudly serve their country. The men and women who do not run from danger, but confront it head-on. These are the real heroes. They are the ones that run into the battlefield to protect countless civilians. They are the ones in a uniform, ready to fight for peace, equality, and freedom amongst us all. They are the ones that are there when children cry, disaster strikes, and conflict erupts. There are so many of these heroes that we often as society do not give them the proper recognition that they deserve. That is why I ask that in November, we take a moment to remember.

We remember not only the bravery and courage that these heroes have, but also the sacrifices that our heroes have made, *some even their life.* We remember the families who raised these brave heroes, and the people who have always been by our hero's side. Our heroes have been fighting since the beginning of time, and they will continue to do so forever. This type of heroism should be honored every single day, but all I ask is that you take a moment on November 11th, to honor their outstanding contribution and sacrifice.

Lots of them had to leave a lot behind to fight for peace, and lots of families had to say goodbye to their loved ones, *some even for the last time.* Let us remember the sacrifices of all these families and friends, and show them that their loved ones are appreciated. We can show this by wearing a poppy. A poppy is a symbol that represents your appreciation for all of our heroes, past and present. On November 11th I ask that you show this appreciation.

Next time you think of a hero, you should not think of the ones with crazy superpowers and abilities. You should not think of fantasies, movies, and comic books. You should not think that heroes only live in our imagination. Think of all the courageous members of our armed forces and veterans, because they are the ones that truly save the world from evil.