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# What Memorial Day Means to Me

A little history about Memorial Day! Originally it was called Decoration Day but it was later formalized by a " Memorial Day Order' issued by Grand Army of the Republic Commander- in-Chief John A. Logan in 1868. Memorial Day is an American holiday, on the last Monday of May, that honors the men and women that died while serving in the military. This is the official definition we have for memorial day, however, to me, Memorial Day is the day to say "thank you" and acknowledge the sacrifices that military members made in order for us to have a free and safe country for more generations to come.

I remember being in awe and amazed by the Vietnam Memorial on our class trip to Washington D.C  a couple of weeks ago. The walls looked like it went on for miles containing the names of the Americans that went to war but never came back to their families and friends. I watched as strangers peacefully and calmly took pictures and took their time reading the names of the people that saved us.

What can I do to show my appreciation? First is to Remember, second is to give thanks, and last is to cherish and continue to make our country great.So everyday not just Memorial Day, I pray and give my appreciation to the brave,fearless and daring service members who fought to the very end.

Memorial Day is a day for admiration towards those who made sacrifices for our freedom. Memorial Day means more than just honoring those who died for their country. To me, it should be a reminder that we should appreciate those that sacrificed their life every single day of our lives.We should remember that every day when we go to school there is someone out there fighting for us so that we are safe in school and in our normal everyday lives.

Memorial Day isn’t the only day to recognize someone’s sacrifice but rather cherishing their memory everyday for the rest of our lives because they certainly have earned that respect.