HEROES

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Hebrews 11:32-35 (NIV)

- The CAUSE
- 1. Our God is a God of WAR.

Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.

Psalms 144:1 (NIV)

2. Remember the price of FREEDOM.

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

1 Samuel 17:45 (NIV)

3. HONOR those who fought for our freedom.

Abishai the brother of Joab son of Zeruiah was chief of the Three. He raised his spear against three hundred men, whom he killed, and so he became as famous as the Three.

2 Samuel 23:18 (NIV)

4. Take a STAND and STAND our GROUND.

Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel's troops fled from them. But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the LORD brought about a great victory.

2 Samuel 23:11-12 (NIV)

5. PRAY for those in harm's way.

Part your heavens, LORD, and come down; touch the mountains, so that they smoke. Send forth lightning and scatter the enemy; shoot your arrows and rout them.

Psalms 144:5 (NIV)

What is Veterans Day All About?

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- 2. Veterans Day is all about those who have <u>PROTECTED</u> us.

 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

 Ephesian 6:11 (NIV)
- 3. Veterans Day is about <u>SELFLESS SERVICE</u>. *Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*

John 15:13 (NIV)

4. Veterans Day is about <u>COURAGE</u>.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God Is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

Closing Challenge: Let's thank God for our Veterans. We want to remember their service, honor them, and learn to stand our ground for what is right. We want to pray for those who are currently serving our country, and what Veterans Day is all about.