

Battle scars

A bang, a pain, a cut, then a scratch, than a scar that fades away. These are the wounds that heal, but then without a warning, some pains come and stay. The moans of friends fallen in pain, the bangs of guns firing away. These are the wound that never heal. Only those they affect know they are there, but they carry these burdens with pride.

Memorial day is to honor those who would have carried a war wound, but instead had to go on to a place of peace. We remember their sacrifices through memorial day. Those who sacrificed themselves for our country will always be remembered and honored.

We must remember and honor memorial day just as we would honor those soldiers if they were still with us. We are what is left to keep their spirit alive. Though they have moved on, their sacrifices stay with us and the safety of our country. We never stop to think how many choices we have each day, that we wouldn't have without these soldiers.

Each day WE.choose the clothes we wear. WE_choose our music. WE.choose our jobs. WE can go to school. We take it for granted. Without those soldiers who died on the battlefield, we would not have those freedoms. Without those soldiers we could not live free.

So, this memorial day I want you to think about those soldiers, and thank them for their sacrifice. The next time you get to choose, tell yourself, "This is because of them." It is because of them we are free. Remember that, and remember them. Keep this day alive.

I wish to leave us with the words of Albert Einstein, "I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."

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