

Memorial Day By: Julia Thuestad

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We did not pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." This is a quote by Ronald Reagan. I believe that this quote relates to Memorial Day because we must remember that veterans have the difficult and demanding job to see that freedom continues on.

Wars or battles that are a part of history affect our present country today. Our livelihoods and our futures depend on the service of soldiers. Their bravery and existence are the reason we as a country exist. We must praise them for their efforts to keep us safe, even if there are many different reasons and point of views that people don't agree on.

We cannot take for granted the sacrifice the military men and women made protecting our freedom and democracy. Far away conflicts that may never reach us could still threaten our country. The intelligence, strength, and unity of past veterans hopefully inspires future soldiers.

We need to continue educating young kids on world history and how it affects the United States. This is so we can understand the world better. Students need to continue learning and listening about freedoms we have here today and compare it to other places. We should not forget about freedoms our forefathers fought for.

Unfortunately, there will be wars that are waged around the world. Freedom and our way of life will be at risk . This means future generations need to commemorate past veterans, learn from their successes and mistakes, and apply these to ourselves. Extinction means ceasing to exist . These are powerful words that can mean one day if we surrender to our enemies we will be free no more.