My relatives who participated in The Great Patriotic War



The only relative my family knows and honors is Kochnev Fedor Pavlovich (1905-1972). Unfortunately, we only know about him that he fought and came alive from the war. This is my great-grandfather and I'm proud of him The Great Patriotic War is a huge emotional distress for many people. It's hard to find a family in our country which didn't lose somebody in this awful war.

The tragic event started in 1941 in the month of June and lasted for almost four years. The 9th of May, 1945 is considered to be the end of the murderous war. Each year Russian people celebrate this day as a Victory Day with numerous commemorative processions, fireworks and concerts.

Perhaps, the Great Patriotic War was the most horrible war in human history. Thousands of courageous soldiers died, leaving their children orphaned and wives widowed. It's hard to imagine that even 13 or 14 year olds were involved in this war. People sacrificed their lives to save the country from outer invasion, to save their comrades and families. Each city that withstood all the pressure coming from Hitler's army was awarded with the heroic title.

Today every family keeps and honors the photos of their ancestors, who fought at that inhuman war. My mother also keeps a framed picture of her two grandfathers. It's been more than 60 years ago, but people still remember and commemorate this global event.

I'm convinced that our generation should be appreciative for all that our great-grandfathers did for us.