

TODAY'S LABOR HEROES ARE WORKING TODAY

Unless there's some breaking news (like this AT&T story, which I'll get to tomorrow), I'm going to take a break from surveillance and Syria war posts today. The day is supposed to pay tribute to the great contribution organized labor has made to this country.

But I couldn't help but think that, while many Americans have a day off thanks to fights waged in the past (fights those Americans often forget), some of today's most important labor heroes will be at work today.

Just about the bravest, most exciting labor fight being waged today is the slowly growing series of protests by fast food workers – with strikes in 60 cities last week – who are demanding the right to organize and calling for a \$15 hour wage. The fight is more than just a battle for wages, it's a battle for the principle that a job should provide a livable wage, and a battle for the principle that even laborers spread out across the country, potentially at franchises owned by small businessmen, should have some representation.

But today, many of these poorly paid workers will be at work, providing Americans a quick bite to eat as they head off to have their fun.

As you're enjoying your day, take note of all the fast food restaurants that are open today and remember how many don't even benefit from the battles won in the past.

Update: Fixed my spelling error, thanks to RTL.