

NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH 2010 #1

(MAY thru JUNE 14)

SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

Invite local service members (active, guard, reserve, or retired) to speak at your class, school or university.

Send notes and cards to hospitalized veterans or those living in veteran homes.

Create a large poster signed by all students – send to nearest VA medical center.

Study the history of our "Pledge of Allegiance", National Anthem and Flag.

Perform appropriate selections by school music department.

Ask local veterans service organizations to participate in school events.

If you do not already do so, School principal or student body presidents invite audience to stand and join in Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem during May.

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LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS

Display historical military artifacts: uniforms, photos, & insignias.

Highlight American military history with suggested reading materials.

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CIVIC AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Local Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Shriner and Elks clubs, Masons & Soroptimist International - honor our military; invite to meetings.

See a veteran or active duty – shake their hand and say "Thanks"

Scouting organizations can earn badges on flag protocol.

Review and practice flag protocol.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Offer specials, incentives, and discounts to active and retired military ID Card holders.

Display the Flag and POW/MIA flag during May through June 14, Flag Day.

Recognize veteran and/or active duty employees and their families.

Offer bumper stickers, flags, pins and ribbons for employees and customers.

Decorate with patriotic themes.

luncheons to honor employed Guard, Reservists and Retirees.

Display large banners at employee entrances to reflect pride and thanks for employees called to active duty.

VETERAN & MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS

Announce NMAM at meetings and roll call.

Ask for volunteers to visit schools and VA hospitals

Contact State & local officials – encourage proclamations and their participation.

Urge your community to fly the flag from May 1 through Flag Day June 14.

Contact the media – offer personal stories & encourage their participation

MEDIA-NEWSPAPERS, RADIO, TV

Remind readers, listeners and viewers of National Military Appreciation Month.

Invite local military to discuss their experiences in the military.

Add NMAM banners to your website

Display the flag as a banner on your website.

Remember to mention POW/MIA's and Rolling Thunder on Memorial Day.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

Local Mayors can issue a Military Appreciation Month proclamation.

Invite service members and veterans to council meetings.

Encourage businesses and all citizens to participate in Military Appreciation Month and to fly the flag from May 1 through Flag Day June 14.

ALL PARTICIPANTS

Donate to "Operation USO Care Package."

Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services

Volunteer or visit your local VA Hospital to honor veterans from past conflicts.

Get your community on board – print this list of ideas and present them to your friends and family.

FLY THE FLAG ON YOUR HOUSE, CAR, or BUSINESS DURING MAY & thru June 14th

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