

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Explain to your unit leader how veterans' sacrifices have impacted your life
2. Using resources available to you, learn about United States Military Veterans, who they are, and what benefits they enjoy.
 - A. Explain who is considered a U.S. Military Veteran
3. From the following list choose 3 major U.S. conflicts or eras and explain the role that each branch of the military played.
 1. Revolutionary War
 2. War Of 1812
 3. Mexican War
 4. Civil War
 5. Indian Wars
 6. War With Spain
 7. China Relief Expedition
 8. Philippine Insurrection
 9. Mexican Expedition
 10. World War I
 11. World War II
 12. Korean War
 13. Atomic Era & Cold War
 14. Vietnam
 15. Armed Forces Expeditions
 16. Southwest Asia
 17. Kosovo
 18. Global War on Terror
4. Explain to your leader the difference between the three categories of awards, namely: decorations, Good Conduct Medal and Service Medals.
 - A. Know the difference between awards for Valor and Awards for Service
5. Prepare for and conduct an interview of a veteran and share his or her story with another person.

Optional: Learn about the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. (VHP)
<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>. Submit the interview to the Veterans History Project.

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5. Learn the history of 1 of the U.S. Military Service Branches (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard). Highlight significant events in the history of that branch of service and an individual who played a key role in it.
6. Visit one of the following:
 - A. National or State Veterans cemetery
 - B. Battlefield
 - C. Military Museum
 - D. Memorial to United States Service personnel
 - E. Memorial to a U.S. conflict
7. Explain to your leader how the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has evolved over the years.
 - A. List six services provided to veterans.
 - B. The significance of President Lincoln's 2nd inaugural address as it related to veterans affairs.
8. Find out what services are offered to veterans in your community/state
9. Do one of the following
 - A. Volunteer at a VA or State veterans hospital, home or shelter.
 - B. Volunteer at military Cemetery
 - C. Take part in a memorial Day Celebration
10. Learn what is required to serve in the United States Military today, what career choices are available, and how a military occupation may relate to a civilian occupation or career.
11. Identify the Veteran and Military Service Organizations (MSOs) that are active in your community and their membership criteria. Explain to your leader what they do to serve the community.

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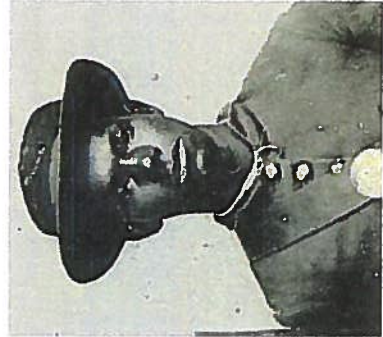


Veterans' Appreciation Award

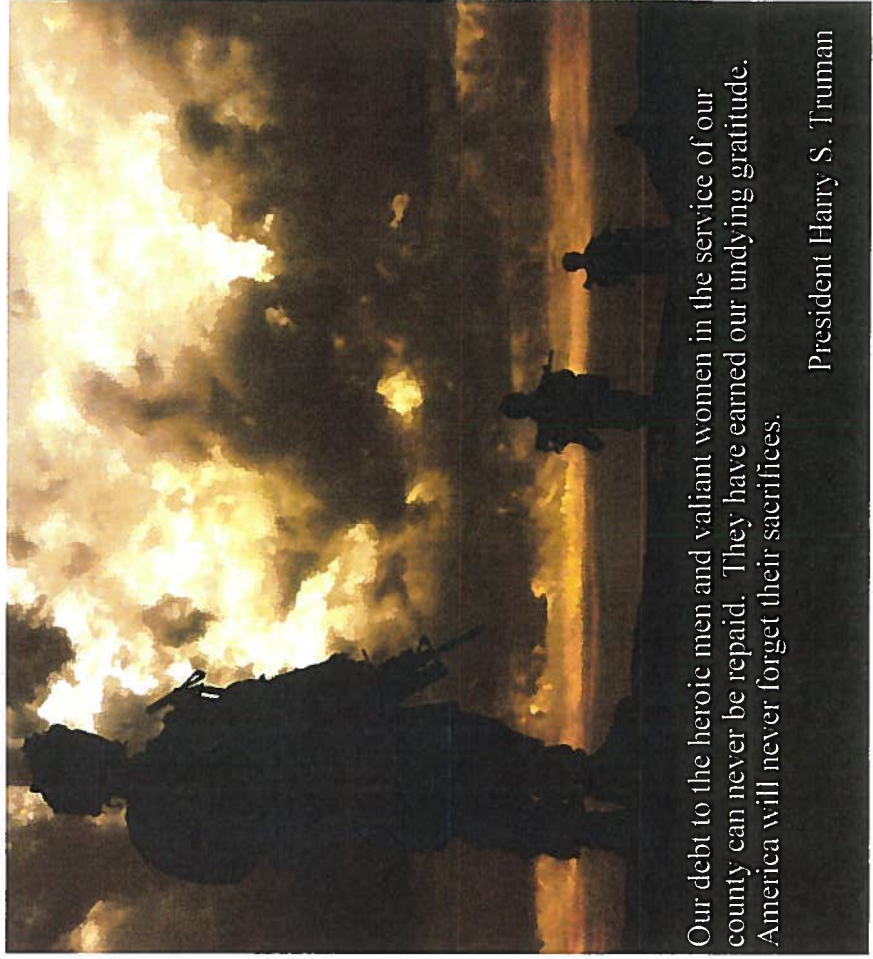
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Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.

President Harry S. Truman