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Dear Teachers,

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII that lasted from September 1, 1939 through September 2, 1945. In honor of this event in history, we have decided to make this the focus of our Veterans Day exhibit this year. The Tulare County Museum would like to partner with you and your students to honor our veterans near and far with our annual Veterans Day project!

If you have participated before, this year will look a little different. In past years we have chosen a focus for our project, this year it is the end of WWII, and provided resources for teachers to teach a lesson to their students on the chosen topic. We have compiled a list of essential questions for each grade level that can help teachers derive a lesson tailored to their class to learn about military service during the time surrounding World War II. Attached to this email is also a list of helpful websites to teach students at all grade levels about this time in our history. At the end of the lesson we asked that students write a letter to an active service member or a veteran on a poppy that we provide to you. This year we are asking that students type and submit a short letter that we can print, cut out and affix to the poppies for them.

The final aspect to this project includes our local veterans. In previous years the veterans have visited local classrooms to share about their experiences and answer questions. This year we are offering to join in on a classroom zoom with you for the months of October and November! If this is something you are interested in please email Amy King at aking1@co.tulare.ca.us to set up a time that works for you and our veterans.

Attached here you will find: Essential questions to drive your lessons, additional resources to help bring this history to life, ideas for letter starters for the poppies, and a photo of past poppies on exhibit. We hope you will join us in commemorating this important history. Please let us know if you have any questions and we are looking forward to putting this exhibit together with your help!

Thank you,
Amy
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