



Recognizing Veteran's Day in our classrooms!

This year on November 9, 2024, the museum will be holding a commemorative event in honor of the 230th anniversary of the birth of the U.S. Navy. There are many lessons to be learned through the study of this time in history and we are encouraging our local teachers to help us bring this important part of history to life for our students!

The museum is working with the Tulare County Office of Education to help spread the word to teachers about our project. 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 and patriotism. A list of additional resources has also been created to help supplement the lessons. As part of the additional resources, museum staff has reached out to local veterans who would love to come to your classroom and talk with your students. If you are interested, please contact Amy King at aking1@tularecounty.ca.gov or 559-624-7326 to set up a visit. The culminating activity for every lesson will be to write a short note (or draw a picture) to a veteran on a poppy that will be cut out by the students (provided by the museum). The museum will collect and display these poppies from each participating class until Memorial Day, at which point the museum will distribute the poppies with the notes to our local veterans.

The commemorative event will take place on November 9, 2024, and will serve as the unveiling of the poppy display at the museum. The event will include the Central Valley Vietnam Veterans Color Guard, local veterans briefly speaking, and patriotic music played by the Mt. Whitney High School band. The event will be free and open to the public and we will encourage all students and teachers who participated to attend the event to see the impact that they have had on our community through learning about history. Please join us in sharing how important this part of history is with our community and how important it is to recognize our veterans for fighting for the freedom that we have as Americans!

INVITING ALL TEACHERS!

The Tulare County Museum needs your help to commemorate the 230th anniversary of the birth of the U.S. Navy with our community through our students. This project has two parts, the first part entails you conducting a lesson in your classroom around Veterans Day. The Tulare County Museum will provide:

- ✓ Essential questions for each grade level as an example of possible lessons/topics
- ✓ Additional resources including documentaries, podcasts, art, music, and poetry
- ✓ The opportunity to have a military veteran visit your class
- ✓ Poppies for students to cut out and write a short letter to a veteran at the end of the lesson that we will deliver to our local veterans

The second part of the project will be the unveiling event on Saturday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. This part of the project will include:

- ✓ Color Guard/Flag Salute
- ✓ Singing of the National Anthem
- ✓ The unveiling of all the poppies students cut out that will be hanging in the museum
- ✓ Veterans sharing their history as speakers
- ✓ Poetry readings by students
- ✓ Patriotic songs by the Mt. Whitney HS jazz band

Poppy cutouts with letters written on the back from students will need to be collected by museum staff no later than October 31 to include them in the display that will be unveiled at the Tulare County Museum. If you are interested, please contact Amy King at 559-624-7326 or aking1@tularecounty.ca.gov