



# Patriot Post

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## VETERANS DAY AGENDA

- **The Story of Veterans Day (Video)**
- **Classroom visits by our veterans**
- **Official Proclamation and special presentations**
- **Lunch and project displays**

*Have you "thanked" a veteran today?*

### American's Own:

MSG Cedrick Baker  
 LTC Stanley Brown  
 SPC Chris Dunn  
 Capt. J. D. Holcomb  
 SPC Marco Monteverde  
 SPC Yvonne Moton  
 SPC David Thompson

## Undergraduate Studies Academy

On November 6, 2009, American High School will continue their tradition of honoring our brave veterans. "Take A Veteran to School Day," is a national program that is sponsored by *The History Channel*, that links veterans of all ages with the young people in our schools. This initiative will bring students is grades 9 through 12 and help strengthen ties in our communities. The remembrance of this day is timely, topical, and non-partisan. And so we begin...

The history of Veteran's Day begins with Armistice Day—the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month.

World War I, also known as "Great War," was officially con-

cluded on the 11th hour of the 11th day of November in the year 1918. On November 11th of the following year, President



**November 11, 2009  
Veteran's Day**

Wilson declared an Armistice Day in honor of the peace. "Armistice" is defined as cessation. The day was marked with public celebrations and a two

minute halt to businesses at 11 AM. In 1921, the Tomb of the

Unknown soldier was dedicated in Arlington Cemetery with a ceremony on November 11th. After this dedication, Armistice Day was adopted in many states, and at the federal level as a day to honor veterans. This became official in the year 1938, when Congress made Armistice Day a national holiday. In 1954, President Eisenhower changed the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1971, Congress enacted legislation making Veterans Day the 4th Monday in October. For several years, Veterans Day was observed in October by many states, but in 1978, it was returned to November 11th.

## Patriots Achieving Leading Succeeding

The freshman teacher are busy planning their second interdisciplinary unit researching and discovering about Veterans Day. Each discipline will plan their own lessons that teach our students to understand the meaning and importance of remembering the heroes of the past and pre-

sent, "All Gave Some and Some Gave All," is a simple quote, yet so meaningful to so many. Each of you, too, can participate in this tradition, by visiting [www.veterans.com](http://www.veterans.com) and seeking ways to incorporate this unit into your lesson plans. The topics and perspectives are endless and we

are sure this site will help inspire your creativity.

Perhaps you can turn your idea or a community need into a service learning project. Help us educate our students the best we know how. Together!

# VETERANS DAY QUIZ



(Above)  
PFC Katzman  
(WWII)

## 1. What is a veteran?

- A. any person who has served in the military
- B. a person who has served in the active military and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable
- C. anyone who wants to be a soldier

## 2. What are the branches of military service in the United States?

- A. Army, Navy, Air Force
- B. Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force.
- C. Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines.
- D. Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Reserves

## 3. The American flag should be flown

- A. On Armed Forces Day
- B. On Memorial Day
- C. On Flag day
- D. On the Valentine's day
- E. On Veteran's day
- F. On Easter
- G. On a, b, c and f
- H. On a, b, c, and e

## 4. Our American flag

- A. should not be used or wearing as apparel
- B. should always be the highest flag on the flag pole
- C. should be replaced when it is worn
- D. should never be placed on the ground
- E. All the above

## 5. Who is buried in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers in Arlington National Cemetery?

- A. A WWII soldier
- B. A soldier from WWI and a soldier in WWII
- C. A soldier from WWI, WWII and Korea

## 6. How many living veterans are there today?

- A. Less than 10,000
- B. Over 100 million
- C. Over 25 million

## 7. During the Revolutionary War, what did women do in order to serve in our military?

- A. dressed as men
- B. signed up
- C. none of them wanted to serve

## 8. Who was a very famous woman soldier in the Revolutionary War?

- A. Clara Maass
- B. Molly Pitcher
- C. Colonel Eileen Collins
- D. Helen Fairchild

## 9. If you would like to train for military service in college you can join which of the following...

- A. Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)
- B. Military Training Institute (MTI)
- C. Army Soldier Training Program (ASTP)

## 10. During a military funeral, what song is played?

- A. God Bless America
- B. our National Anthem
- C. Taps
- D. The Army march

## 11. The symbol of our Nation is?

- A. The American flag
- B. The eagle
- C. The president
- D. The Capitol Building

## 12. Which of these groups helps veterans?

- A. the Veterans of Foreign War
- B. the American Legion
- C. The Disabled American Veterans
- D. A and C
- E. A, b and c
- F. A, B, and C

## 13. Our American flag has

- A. 48 stars
- B. 13 red and 13 white stripes
- C. 7 red stripes and 7 white stripes
- D. 50 stars
- E. B and D
- F. C and d

## 14. Given to soldiers who have been in the military for more than 16. a POW/MIA flag stands for

- A. power of War/Men in action
- B. Prisoners of War/Men in action
- C. Prisoners of War/Missing in action
- D. than 25 years/

## 15. Who was "Person of the Year" in Time Magazine for 2003?

- A. President Bush
- B. The American Soldier
- C. Tom Cruise
- D. Fidel Castro

## 16. The Medal of Honor is

- A. given to all soldiers who are wounded in battle
- B. rarely given to soldiers
- C. given to soldiers who have been in the military for more than 25 years

\*\*Answer key in next issue

## (Below) PFC G Holmes Braddock (WWII)

## LCDR John H Ingram (Vietnam)



(Below)  
LTC Noel Gray  
Tuskegee Airman

# JROTC – WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW



Above— Early 19th Century Cadets. Norwich, CT.

The United States Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) came into being with the passage of the National Defense Act of 1916. Under the provisions of the Act, high schools were authorized loans of federal military equipment and the assignment of active

duty military personnel as instructors.

In 1964, the Vitalization Act opened JROTC up to the other services and replaced most of the active duty instructors with retirees who worked for and were cost-shared by the schools. The study of ethics, citizenship, communications, leadership, life skills and other subjects designed to prepare young men and woman to take their place in adult society, evolved as the core of the program. More recently, an improved student-centered curriculum focusing on character building and civic

responsibility is being presented in every JROTC classroom.

From a modest beginning of 6 units in 1916, JROTC has expanded to 1645 schools existing in every state in the nation including American schools overseas. Enrollment has grown to 281,000 cadets with 4,000 professional instructors in the classrooms.

The benefits are tremendous. What's in it for you?

- College credit
- Community service hours
- Awards and recognitions that can be used for college applications

*“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I Learn.”- Benjamin Franklin*



Above— WWII veterans at the Miami V.A. Hospital.  
Right— 2009 Pass and Review ceremony.

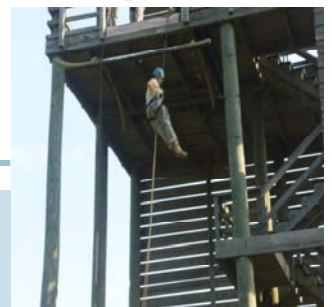
## Camp Blanding— Summer 2009 By Ms. Rowan

Yeah! That's me over in those pictures repelling from a 60 foot tower. Was I nervous and shaking? Absolutely! However upon descending, I was filled with a feeling like no other. I had a sudden urge to shout out with great confidence and a sense of accomplishment.! It was an amazing experience as a female chaperone that accompanied American's JROTC to Starke,

Florida. I lived in barracks filled with 33 testy teenage girls, but toughed it out and spent 7 days observing the transformation of self -indulged individuals as they were transformed into a team of champions. We were the “Alpha Animals!” When I was young, my parents sent me to sleep away camp each summer. Looking back, the experience from Camp Blanding

revisited great childhood memories Upon returning, there wasn't a single soul who did not hear a story or was forced to view several videos. Thanks to Col. Brown and 1st Sgt. Pacheco, I witnessed one of the greatest student-related experiences in years and yes, I'm going back.

Anyone else interested?



Ms. Rowan starting her descent.

