



# Take a Veteran to School Day™

## Talking Points for Veterans Visiting Classrooms

### Grades 9 – 12

- Anyone who has served in the military is called a “veteran” when they get out of the military. There are over 22 million veterans in our country. That means 1 in every 10 adults has served in the military.
- People volunteer to join and serve in the military. Some serve for only a few years, and others have long military careers that last many years.
- The five branches of the U.S. military are the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.
- People in the Army are called soldiers. People in the Marine Corps are called Marines. People in the Navy are called sailors. People in the Air Force are called airmen and airwomen.
- There are military bases all over the country and around the world. There are bases in every state, as well as in lots of other countries like Japan, Spain, Afghanistan and many more.
- Service members go through lots of training. They learn how to be leaders, how to build a team and how to work together. They also have lots of practice solving difficult problems.
- Anyone in the military can fight in a war. The government and military leaders decide who the best people and units are to get the job done.
- Not all service members will fight in a war—some stay home and train to protect our country in other ways, through different military jobs. Service members can be lawyers, doctors, researchers, mechanics, engineers, counselors, accountants and almost anything else you can think of.
- Lots of technology that we use today was developed through military innovation. Things like digital photography, the Internet, GPS devices and more.
- Today more than 500 people become veterans every single day! Veterans do all kinds of things when they leave the military. Some go to college, some get jobs, some volunteer in their neighborhoods. Veterans can be doctors, teachers, actors, businessmen and businesswomen, plumbers, members of Congress, firefighters or anything else—just like you!

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