



Testimonials from Educators and Students

“As an educator, we have a purpose or role in society of educating that next generation, those people who will take over the United States—who will really lead our country. To lead our country well, they have to understand what’s happening, the values, the actions, and the behaviors of those who came before us and who really put themselves on the line so this could be such a great country.”

— *Dr. Scott Siegfried, Assoc. Superintendent, Cherry Creek Schools, CO*

“The school district put out a call for artwork that would answer the call of ‘*What does Veterans Day mean to me?*’ I saw a different side of my students when we were involved in a project which was really relevant to their lives—so many of them have parents or relatives that are on active duty.”

— *Terese LeFavor, High School Art Instructor*

“*Saluting America* provided the framework to have our students learn their neighbor’s story. We had students who were required to participate in the Tribute Contest needed to interview a veteran or a current service member and learn their story—to get it out of that primary source and then to share what they learned through that story to understand Veterans Day and why we need to honor those who have made so many sacrifices so that our students can have more free will choices than ever before in our nation’s history in their own lives.”

—*Joan Jahelka, District Social Studies Facilitator, Colorado Springs*

“It meant a lot to me to be a part of that because we are honoring people who have done so much to help our country and keep us safe.”

— *Kendra, High School Junior*

“Our students are gaining knowledge of the United States history. They’re gaining an appreciation for those that have served in the past and present and also gain respect for the freedoms they have as United States citizens today.”

— *Mary Shay, Director of Professional Learning, former Elementary School Principal, Cherry Creek Schools, CO*