



SALUTING AMERICA®

Honoring Military Service: Past & Present

10 EASY STEPS TO JOINING THE SALUTING AMERICA TEAM!

The *Saluting America School Program* can be customized to meet your district needs, whatever those may be. Some schools choose to only implement the program in middle schools or high schools; others go K-12. Most districts choose to use the program during Veterans Week, but it can be used throughout the year at other significant holidays or during a school unit when it may be appropriate, *e.g., a history unit about any of the wars America has fought in and you want a way to remember those veterans.*

1. Sign up, either by emailing info@salutingamerica.org, or calling 720.633.4117. A program director will answer your questions and help you get registered.
2. Tribute Cards are ordered through the website and will be shipped in August 2016.
3. Plan your Veteran's Day activities at least **one to two months in advance**. Invite relatives and friends who are veterans to assemblies and gatherings at the school.
4. If you need a speaker, we will assist you in this process, working with local veterans' groups in your community.
5. **Personal cards:** Our first recommendation is that students write the card for someone they know – a relative, family friend or neighbor and then deliver it personally to that person. This creates the personal bond of knowing someone who has served and may open up new dialogues with that person about their experience.
6. **Cards for active military:** These should be addressed "*Dear Soldier*", "*Dear Hero*", "*Dear Service Member*" or simply "*Hello!*"

If you need suggestions on how to distribute cards to active military, please contact us.

7. **Cards for veterans:** These should be addressed "*Dear Veteran*" or "*Dear Hero*". If you have a veteran's organization in your town, we can contact them for help distributing the cards. A veteran's nursing home, either in state or out, is a great place to send cards. A USPS medium flat rate box holds approximately 250 cards and can ship anywhere for \$13.45. **Please see our website for more information.**
8. If you need help with a message, use any of the suggestions found on the "*Resource*" page of our website, www.salutingamerica.org
9. Document your work! Please send us lots of photos of your projects and comments via our website, info@salutingamerica.org or send to jan@salutingamerica.org
We will post them on our Twitter account and website to share with everyone!
We love to see how creative students can be!
10. **HAVE FUN!** Learning about the sacrifices men and women have made and continue to make on behalf of our freedom can be fun and exciting, but most of all, by implementing activities that are interactive and engaging, students will enjoy learning.