



Veterans Day

It's More Than A Day Off From School



Fifth Grade Essay Contest

To encourage students to think about the reason we celebrate Veterans Day and call attention to the importance of recognizing and thanking our Veterans.

- Essay:** Original essay between 100—300 words, typed or neatly handwritten on:
“Why It’s Important to Thank Our Veterans.”
- Eligibility:** Be in fifth grade in the Chula Vista Elementary School District Boundaries
- Deadline:** Entries **must be received by 3:30 pm, Thursday, November 5th, 2015.**
Submit entries to:
Sunnyside Elementary School, attention Juanita Liaug via district mail,
Or email to Cheryl Perez at lamoph49@gmail.com

The following information must be included to be eligible as a winning essay:

- ◆ Student’s name, school name, teacher’s name, and grade
- ◆ Parent/guardian phone number (for notifying winner)

First Place receives:

- ◆ \$40.00 Barnes and Noble gift card
- ◆ Winner recognized and essay read at Veterans Day/Marine Corps Birthday ceremony at the Veterans Home of Chula Vista on November 11th (event starts at 10 am)
- ◆ Winning essay published in LAMOPH national newsletters

Judging:

- ◆ Winning essay will be announced no later than Monday, November 9th
- ◆ Semi-finalists chosen by: Ladies Auxiliary, Military Order of the Purple Heart
- ◆ Finalists and winning essay chosen by local veterans
- ◆ Finalist’s essays will be displayed at the Veterans Home of Chula Vista on Veterans Day

Sponsored by:

Ladies Auxiliary, Military Order of the Purple Heart, San Diego Unit 49
Chula Vista Marine Corps League Detachment 1207

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Teachers Information

To be eligible for a winning essay, the essay **must be received by the deadline** and include:

- students name
- school name
- teachers name
- parent/guardian phone number or email

Information not noted on the flyer:

- we also recognize second and third place winners
- every school with entries has an Honorable Mention
- all essays will be returned with an acknowledgement note from LAMOPH



Thank a Veteran for Your Freedom
by J. L. Sager

It was a veteran, not a reporter,
Who guaranteed freedom of the press.

It was a veteran, not a poet,
Who guaranteed freedom of speech.

It was a veteran, not a campus organizer,
Who guaranteed freedom to demonstrate.

It was a veteran, not a minister,
Who guaranteed freedom to worship.

It was a veteran, not a salesman,
Who guaranteed freedom to own property.

It was a veteran, not a travel agent,
Who guaranteed freedom to travel.

It was a veteran, not a politician,
Who guaranteed freedom to vote.

It is a veteran who salutes the Flag,
Risks it all for the Flag,
And who is buried beneath the Flag.