

# VETERANS LEGACY PROGRAM CURRICULAR MATERIALS

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# The Branches of the Military



# THE SERVICES - YOUR VETERANS WILL HAVE SERVED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- **Army**-the primary ground force (Active/Reserve/National Guard)
- **Navy**-the primary provider of naval force(Active/Reserve)
- **Air Force**-the primary provider of Air Power (Active/Reserve/National Guard)
- **US Marines**-ground and amphibious force (Active/Reserve)
- **Coast Guard**-rescue, and police the high seas and in wartime an auxiliary to the Navy (Active /Reserve)





# **Vocabulary You May Come Across**

- Enlist / Enlistment
- Discharge
- Rank



# VETERANS WILL HAVE WORKED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CAPACITIES:

- **Combat capability**-infantry, artillery, armor, tactical fighters strategic bomber, carrier in battle groups, destroyers
- **Support capability**-Intelligence, supply, transportation, military police, signal, all services have soldiers who support combat elements

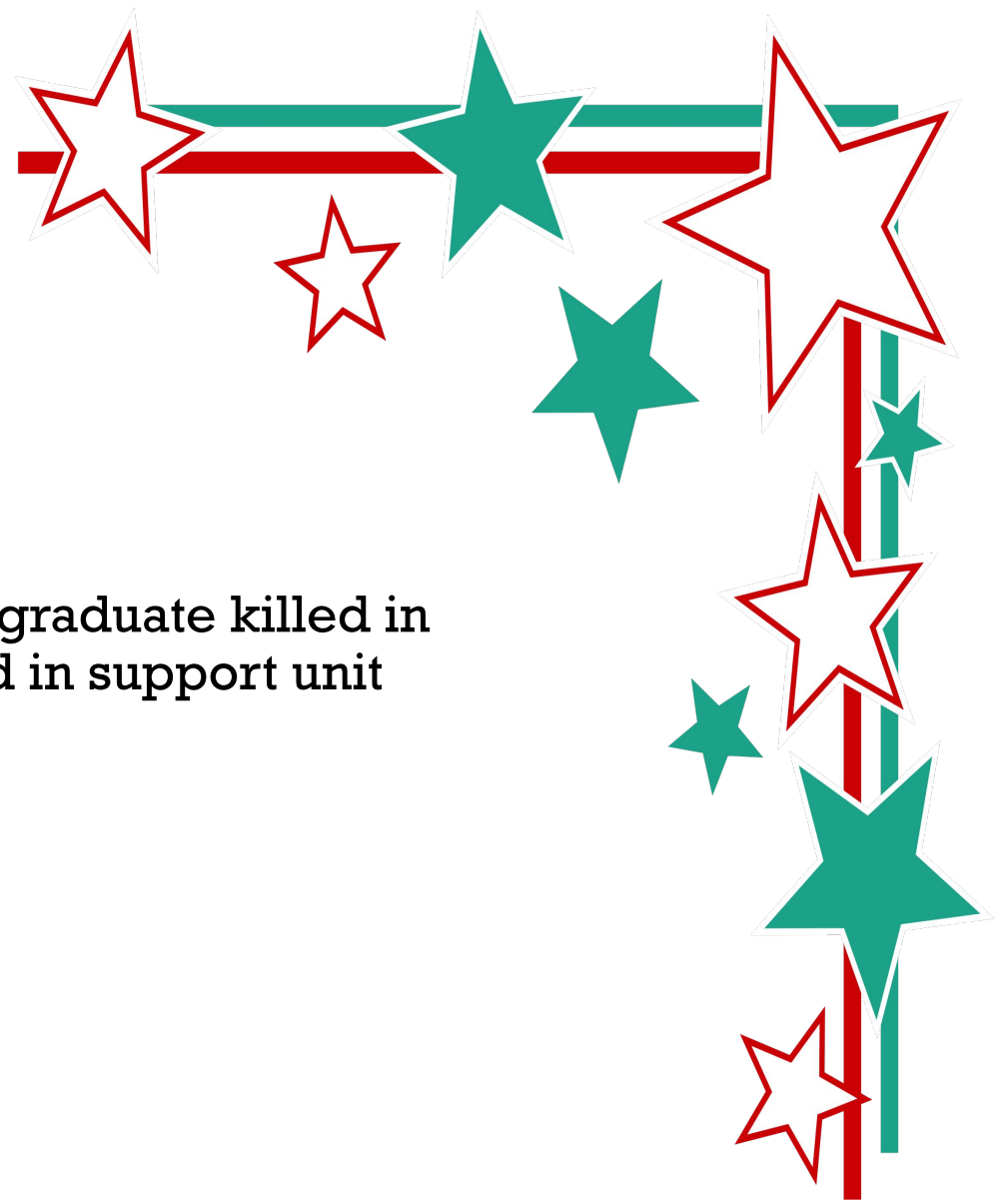


# Airmen working on a drone in Iraq





- West Point graduate killed in Iraq-served in support unit





# Signal Soldiers







# Military Police in Iraq





# ALL SERVICE MEMBERS WILL HAVE



- Attended Basic training – which is as much about acclimating the recruit to service life as military training
- Almost all have attended some form of advance training to learn a specialty (a few Navy recruits do not)



# YOUR VETERAN WOULD HAVE BEEN EITHER

- An Enlisted man, private, airman, seaman
- A Noncommissioned officer (NCO), Sgt. to Sgt. Major
- An officer
  - Junior Officer-Lt, Capt.,
  - Field grade officer Major Lt Col, Lt Commanders, Commanders, Navy Captain
- Warrant officer-Between NCO and officer-a specialist



# OFFICERS DO SIMILAR TRAINING BUT IT HAS OTHER NAMES

- Officers Candidate School, Officer Training School
- ROTC
- One of the service academies, West Point-

After attending these commissioning sources,  
they go to specialty schools, including pilot training or  
submarine school

MILITARY



# VETERANS' TIME IN THE MILITARY



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- Each veteran will have done at least one distinct job
- Soldiers who serve more than one enlistment may have had a number of jobs
- Career officers or Enlisted men and women have **MANY** assignments and experiences

