

# VETERANS LEGACY PROGRAM CURRICULAR MATERIALS

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# **THE VETERANS LEGACY PROGRAM**





# WHAT IS THE VLP?



- THE VETERANS LEGACY PROGRAM (VLP) WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2016 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION (NCA).
- NATIONAL CEMETERIES ARE WHERE UNITED STATES VETERANS ARE BURIED. THERE ARE 155 NATIONAL CEMETERIES AND WE HAVE 9 NATIONAL CEMETERIES IN FLORIDA.
- THE PURPOSE OF THE VLP IS TO RESEARCH AND SHARE SOME OF THE STORIES OF THE LIVES OF THESE VETERANS IN ORDER TO HONOR THEIR SERVICE.

# FLORIDA'S NATIONAL CEMETERIES

- BARRANCAS NATIONAL CEMETERY IN PENSACOLA
- BAY PINES NATIONAL CEMETERY IN ST. PETERSBURG,
- CAPE CANAVERAL NATIONAL CEMETERY IN MIMS
- FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETERY IN BUSHNELL
- JACKSONVILLE
- SARASOTA
- SOUTH FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETERY IN LAKE WORTH,
- ST. AUGUSTINE
- TALLAHASSEE



There are 180,000 veteran buried in the National Cemeteries in Florida!

# **WE ARE GOING TO BE PART OF THIS MISSION!!!!**

- **WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN A PROJECT THAT WILL TAKE US TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE.**
- **WE WILL WORK IN TEAMS TO RESEARCH A SPECIFIC VETERAN**
- **WE WILL EXAMINE LOTS OF PRIMARY SOURCES AND DOCUMENTS TO PIECE TOGETHER, LIKE A JIGSAW PUZZLE, THE LIFE OF YOUR VETERAN**

# **SOME THINGS WE HOPE TO FIND OUT...**

- **WHEN WAS OUR VETERAN BORN AND WHEN DID THEY DIE?**
- **IN WHICH BRANCH OF THE MILITARY DID THEY SERVE?**
- **WHICH WAR OR CONFLICT WAS PART OF THEIR SERVICE?**
- **WHAT WAS THEIR FAMILY LIFE LIKE AS BOTH A CHILD AND AN ADULT?**
- **WHAT RANKS AND ROLES DID THEY HAVE IN THE MILITARY?**
- **WHAT WAS THEIR POST-MILITARY LIFE LIKE?**

# SHARING OUR FINDINGS



- WE WILL THEN BE CREATING SEVERAL PRODUCTS TO SHARE OUR FINDINGS:
  - A PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY TO READ TO THE YOUNGER GRADES
  - AN ESSAY TO READ DURING THE ANDOVER VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST
  - A POSTER TO HANG IN THE HALLWAY SO OUR CLASSMATES CAN ALSO LEARN ABOUT OUR VETERAN

