

American Warrior Day of Honor Teacher/Leader Resource Packet

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The following materials are included to assist the teacher or leader of letter writers to prepare their letters. Please contact the Letter Coordinators to request what you would like to have to support your efforts. Questions and suggestions to improve this packet and the process of writing letters are welcome. Thank you for your contributions to this effort. Our veterans tell us that the letters represent a physical reminder of this amazing day that they treasure each time they read or share them.

1. Teacher/Leader Guide: Provides information for the writing of letters.
2. "Unconditional Patriotism:" Written by Janis Ingham, teacher at Pawcatuck M. S. in Stonington, CT, it provides a good overview of the Day of Honor and motivation for the writers. It is best read orally.
3. "Reflection: The Flight Home:" This is based upon conversations with two veterans who participated in a Day of Honor. It expresses the value these letters have in their lives. As above, it is most effective when read orally.
4. Letter Template: Some writer's benefit from a model of what the letter should look like and phrases and sentences to begin and embellish their writing. The phrases and sentences are from actual letters written to veterans.
5. Sample Letters: Again, these are actual letters written to veterans on past Days of Honor. They meet the criteria expressed in the Teacher/Leader Guide and set a standard for the writers to reach. These represent writers from elementary, middle, and high school. You may choose those you wish to use dependent upon the grade levels of your writers.
6. Letterhead Sample Template: You may complete this with your own information or contact the Letter Coordinators who can provide a print-ready copy. Because we are a 100% volunteer organization and target all of our funds to provide a Day of Honor for as many

veterans as we can we are not able to provide copying services or reimbursement. Thank you for your understanding. You may choose to use your school/organization letterhead.

7. Control Sheet: Contains the “Names” and “Branch of Service” for the veterans your writers will be addressing their letters. **Please note:** these may not arrive until closer to the due date because there are changes in this list up to the Day of Honor. These veterans are from World War II and the Korean Conflict and their health is often a factor in their participation. However, we make every effort to provide the medical support staff, supplies and equipment so that as many as are able can participate.
8. American Warrior Brochures and Cards. These are useful for sharing with others interested in what the writers are doing. We will provide several copies for this use.

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