# *Introduction*

The American Legion believes that our military veterans are living textbooks of American History. Their accounts of experiences while in the uniform of the United States Armed Forces should be preserved and shared with others, especially with students in America's schools.

With an eye on that objective, The American Legion has embarked on an initiative connecting the local American Legion post and the school(s) in its community. This relationship is intended to locate and encourage veterans who are willing and able to speak to students about their experiences in the U.S. Armed Forces.

An American Legion post's involvement with the school in its community is usually centered on special events like football games, graduation, or on holidays, like Veterans Day, Flag Day and Memorial Day. The Veterans in the Classroom program is intended to involve members of the post in the academic curriculum.

This brochure lists resource materials available to American Legion posts and schools. It is a companion piece to Pub. No. 23-015, **Veterans in the Classroom – History in the First Person**, explains the program in greater detail.

# *Resource Materials*

The following materials are available from The American Legion to help support a Veterans in the Classroom program. Some of the items are available from National Emblem Sales at a nominal cost while others are available in single or limited quantities from the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division at no charge.

**Elementary/Middle School Audiences**

*I Pledge Allegiance* – 16-page full color educational comic book that is designed to teach children about the Pledge of Allegiance, what it means, why and how to properly recite it.

*Our Country's Flag* – 20-page full color educational comic book about the U.S. flag. Readers learn about the flag's history, its meaning, proper ways to display it, and how to show it the proper respect.

*Light of Liberty* – 16-page full color educational comic book about the freedoms we enjoy, how America was formed, our rights and responsibilities, respecting rights of others and how to become a better citizen.

*Geography Coloring and Activity Book* – 16-page booklet providing lower elementary grades with a geographical concept of their community, the United States, and the world.

*Our Country's Veterans* **–** 16-page full color comic book about veterans, who they are, their valor and the challenge of service and its price. It also shows how we can honor and thank veterans.

**Middle/High School Audiences**

*Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette* – 16-page booklet on proper display of the U.S. flag and other flag related information.

*The Flag Code* – Fold-out poster describing proper display of the U.S. flag.

All of these educational aids are available from The American Legion National Emblem Sales at www.emblem.legion.org.

# *Flag and Veterans Videos*

*For Which It Stands* **–** A 20-minute DVD and learning activities package designed to help grades 5-9 meet state mandates for flag education. Topics include the history, significance, meaning, proper display and treatment of the U.S. flag.

*America's Veterans* **–** Designed for students and educators, the video (23 min.) helps to answer the question, "What does Veterans Day mean to you?" After viewing this video, students will be able to describe who veterans are, what they have done, and why they should be honored. Included with the video is an instructor's guide and presenter's script. Suitable for middle school and high school audiences.

Thousands of these two videos have been distributed nationwide. Copies are available from Emblem Sales at www.emblem.legion.org.

## Scholarship Information

*Need A Lift?* is The American Legion's highly respected scholarship and financial aid electronic handbook. Topics include the financial aid process; scholarship, grant, and loan opportunities; 4-year college and university profiles; internet website listing; federal and state sources of financial aid and career information sources.

*Guide for Parents and Students* is a brochure that provides parents and students with suggestions for planning for college.

*Need A Lift?* and *Guide for Parents and Students* are available from National Emblem Sales at www.emblem.legion.org.

## Other Publications

The American Legion has many more resources available to members who may be speaking before student audiences. Some deal with American Legion youth programs, education and scholarship needs, safety concerns and information on illegal drugs.

The American Legion has an opportunity to reach large numbers of young people through the Veterans in the Classroom program. It also provides us with an opportunity to promote the many youth oriented character building programs of The American Legion.

Program information is available from:

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