



Support Our Troops Patch
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Whether it is your dad, mom, brother, sister, aunt, uncle or friend, we know how important our men and women of the Armed Forces are to our country. To help celebrate and show our support for our troops, the Support Our Troops patch program was created. Once completed, please return the evaluation form to the Program Specialist at the Service Center.

Participants must complete 6 of the 10 activities, including activity #1.

1. Select one of the four branches of the Armed Forces and learn about its history. When was it established? What are they responsible for? Talk with a military recruiter and learn about the different careers with this branch.
2. US Armed Forces are sent or deployed all over the world. Find out about three of these places and what the troops responsibilities are.
3. Make pocket flags for troops. (For more information go to www.pocketflagproject.com)
4. Participate in the annual Veteran's Day Parade or a Welcome Home Ceremony for returning troops.

5. **Perform a Flag Ceremony.**
6. **Invite a member of the Armed Forces or a Veteran to a troop meeting and have them speak about their experience in the Armed Forces.**
7. **Assist families with the creation of care packages to send overseas to deployed troops (this includes selling cookies for "Cookie for the Troops").**
8. **Complete a Service Project to honor Veteran's or assist families of current Armed Forces members. The following are some suggestions:**
 - **Place flags on Veteran's graves.**
 - **Create a Parent's Night for spouses and provide babysitting for the evening.**
 - **Help with yard or housework for a family of a deployed soldier.**
 - **Conduct a donation drive for toiletries items for deployed soldiers in cooperation with the base command.**
 - **Create a Family Fun Day.**
9. **Write a Thank You letter or card to Armed Forces members or a Veteran**
10. **Hang yellow ribbons to show your support or create red, white and blue crafts and give them to your local VA hospital.**