

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY IDEAS:

1. To prepare for the Vet Visit: talk about appropriate topics and questions that should or shouldn't be asked.
2. Create a "Wall of Honor" or a "Wall of Remembrance" where students and school staff post names of loved ones who were lost or who fought at wars that can be displayed through the month of November.
3. Once you schedule a "Take a Vet to School Day", find out some information about the guest veteran(s) and create a display wall for them and involve the students in the process. You can give each student a star that can be decorated with something related to the veteran's story (branch, war, family history, hobbies, current activities). It is a good way to connect students with the guest veteran.
4. Sing the National Anthem with the school band playing it. In case the band cannot play, have the National Anthem CD ready and have students sing along. To prepare for this, you can also have students create a PowerPoint using pictures & quotes that represent the U.S.A. and that honor the Veterans. You can show the PowerPoint presentation while the students sing the National Anthem.
5. Say *The Pledge of Allegiance*
<http://www.legion.org/national/americanflag/flagcode>
6. Have a Veteran show students how to fold the American flag. Arrange with the guest veteran ahead of time.
7. Talk about the Flag Code / Respect for Flag.
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***If your school is doing an assembly:**

- Pre-arrange with the visiting vets in which class they will be participating. They can sit with that class during the assembly, or sit in reserved seats in the front. Your principal should welcome everyone to *Take a Veteran to School Day* and serve as the M.C., unless otherwise decided.

- The assembly should open with a reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner or another appropriate song by all. The principal should recognize your outside guests. If the mayor, county supervisor, or school superintendent has a proclamation prepared for this day, he or she should read it aloud to all. Then the VIPs should be recognized and by that we mean, the veterans! The veterans should stand as the principal calls their names and receive a round of applause from the students, once all vets are standing. Remember that some vets may be physically disabled and will need special accommodations.