

The Ozark Regional Chapter of MOAA teaches the Arkansas Flag Education Program, sponsored by the Arkansas Departments of Education and Veterans Affairs, and the Missouri Flag Education Program, sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to 5th grade students in Benton County AR and McDonald County MO, respectively. During the 2023-24 school year, the Chapter taught over 4,100 students. The Chapter provides each student with the Long May It Wave brochure and a US Flag lapel pin. The Flag Education Program curriculum is comprised of the early history of the American Flag and the US Flag Code, i.e., how the American Flag should be displayed and the dos and don'ts with the US Flag. The students do the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, so we relate what they do for the Pledge to what they should do when the National Anthem is played, the American Flag is raised and lowered, and the line of flags passes by during a parade. Teachers and administrators have continuously praised our presentation and how valuable it is to instill pride and patriotism into their students along with respect for our Flag. Additionally, although both states have mandated US Flag etiquette as part of the state's social studies curriculum, teachers do not have the time to prepare the presentation content. Our presentation is delivered by a military veteran and it is done as a dialog with the students. The presentation ends with a short quiz of little-known US Flag facts for the students followed by a question and answer period.

If you wish to assist with the Chapter's US Flag Education Program, please contact Alan Nabb, Ozark Regional Chapter, US Flag Program Director, at alan.nabb@verizon.net.



Presentation to Gravette Upper Elementary School Fifth Grade Students



Presentation to Bentonville Old High Middle School Fifth Grade Students