

The Bella Vista 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 Education, to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Benton County AR and McDonald County MO. During the 2022-23 school year, we taught a total of 3,300 5th graders. We provide each student with the Long May It Wave brochure and Education Certificate along with 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, the do's 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 US Flag is raised and lowered, and the colors pass by during a parade. Teachers and administrators have continually praised our presentation and how valuable it is to instill pride and patriotism into their students along with respect for our Flag. Additionally, the teachers indicate that they 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 for the students.

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