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Families Can Apply for Operation Recognition Veteran Diplomas

Fairfield, CA- The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), is hosting "Operation Recognition" which honors United States Veterans and Japanese-American citizens who were unable to finish high school due to wartime circumstances with retroactive high school diplomas. SCOE is now accepting applications for the 2022 Operation Recognition celebration on May 18th.

Throughout the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, thousands of young men and women left high school and the comforts of home to serve in the United States Armed Forces. During World War II many Japanese-American citizens were interned in relocation camps in various locations across the United States. Some veterans who served were not able to finish high school and receive their diplomas due to military service or Jim Crow laws in effect at the time. Veterans and Japanese-American citizens now have the opportunity to be granted diplomas as a gesture of gratitude for the sacrifices they made.

"We have been honored to recognize local veterans and their families with retroactive and posthumous diplomas for more than a decade now. The sacrifices our fellow Americans made should be acknowledged and revered, and being able to say thank you from the Solano County community means so much to SCOE," remarked Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Who is eligible?

- Individuals who served in World War II, the Korean War or Vietnam War and were honorably discharged from their military service.
- Japanese-American citizens who left high school due to internment in World War II relocation camps.
- Families may apply for Operation Recognition diplomas on behalf of eligible persons who are deceased.

Families can obtain an application on at www.solanocoe.net/oprec or by calling (707) 399-4429. Applications must be submitted by Friday, April 29, 2022.

Individuals will be honored in a celebration hosted in collaboration with Veterans' organizations in Solano County. The recognition will take place on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

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Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for charter schools and Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 63,000 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state.