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Deadline for Operation Recognition Applications June 8th

Solano County, CA- 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 with retroactive high school diplomas. The application deadline for diplomas to be presented in the 2021 Operation Recognition celebration is June 8, 2021.

Throughout the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, thousands of Americans left high school to serve in the United States Armed Forces. During World War II many Japanese-American citizens were interned in relocation camps across the United States as well. Many who served or were interned were unable to finish high school to receive diplomas. These individuals now have the opportunity to receive diplomas as a gesture of gratitude for the sacrifices they made. Family members of veterans who have passed on can request posthumous diplomas in their honor.

"We have been privileged to honor local veterans with retroactive and posthumous diplomas for more than a decade now. We look forward to this special day each year because these diplomas mean so much to the veterans and families who receive them. Being able to say thank you from the Solano County community means so much to SCOE," remarked Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Individuals will be honored in a celebration hosted in collaboration with Veterans' organizations in Solano County on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

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.

Veterans and family members can obtain an application and review eligibility criteria on the Solano County Office of Education website at www.solanocoe.net/oprec. Operation Recognition applications and documentation must be submitted by Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Questions may be directed to Nikki Pacheco at (707) 399-4455.

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