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Freedom - Wonderful but not free! It comes at a great cost; perhaps some who paid the price are your relatives. Here are some ideas for family and youth to commemorate their sacrifices and receive blessings by remembering and honoring the military.

- Find an ancestor in your family who served in the military. Check family histories, Fold3, archives.com, or the Mesa FamilySearch Library website for help in finding information of military records.
- Make a poster with names and/or pictures. Let children help or create the poster. Use flags, hearts, military ribbons, etc.
- Create your own “military” wrist bracelet. Put your ancestor’s name on the band. See how many ancestors you can find. Have each family member represent a different military ancestor.
- Share stories in your family of those who served during dinnertime, FHE, or other designated times.
- Take a trip to a local cemetery. Take some tiny American flags and put them on gravesites. Perhaps have your own recognition ceremony. Divide the family into two teams with a leader over each group. See which team can find the most military tombstones. (Don’t make it a race. Be respectful of the sacred grounds of the cemetery. Simply designate a certain area to look, then return to the starting point and report.)
- Have a military commemoration Family Home Evening. Sing patriotic songs.
- Pray for the military currently serving and express gratitude for those who served in the past.
- Play military music at home during the month.
- We owe much to those who served in the military. Remember them and show your honor by flying the flag outside your home this month.
- Check out <http://mesafsl.org>. Click on the Youth icon, navigate to “Family Activities for more information and ideas.