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*Veterans Diploma Project*

**ATTENTION VETERANS AND JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS**

Did you miss graduating from high school due to military service or internment?

**You may be eligible to receive your high school diploma through San Bernardino County Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project**

**Qualified veterans are:**

- Individuals who served in WW II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War.
- Japanese American citizens who left high school for purposes of internment in WW II relocation camps.

AND

- Current residents of San Bernardino County.
- Able to provide verification of military service and honorable discharge or proof of having been interned in a relocation camp. (The Veterans Affairs office can help.)
- Were enrolled in high school prior to enlistment in military service or internment in a WW II relocation camp.

Surviving family members can apply for a posthumous recognition.

**DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW?**

**Deadline to submit application is Monday, October 24, 2022.**

Applications can be obtained online at <http://vdp.sbcss.k12.ca.us> or by calling the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools office at 909.386.2406. There is no charge to apply.



Dear Veteran:

The San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, in partnership with the County of San Bernardino Department of Veterans Affairs, is pleased to announce the fourteenth annual San Bernardino County **Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project** - a nationwide effort to recognize men and women whose high school education was interrupted due to military service or internment in a Japanese American camp.

The Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project provides veterans and internees, who were unable to complete high school due to military service or internment, the opportunity to receive a high school diploma.

Veterans who served in and received an honorable discharge from World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War; *or* individuals who were interned in a Japanese American relocation camp are eligible to participate. Applicants can also be surviving family members. The applicant must: be a current San Bernardino County resident; be able to provide verification of an honorable discharge or proof of internment; have been enrolled in high school prior to enlistment or internment. Lastly, the applicant must submit a complete application and supplementary documents by the deadline. There is no charge to participate.

The 2022 Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project Ceremony will take place at the end of the year. Qualified applicants will be recognized at the ceremony and receive their high school diploma. To be considered for this year's recognition, applications must be submitted by **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. Applicants will be notified of their status by October 27<sup>th</sup> and qualified applicants will be provided with ceremony details.

For assistance with verification of military service and/or discharge papers, contact the County of San Bernardino Department of Veterans Affairs at 866.472.8387 or 909.387.5516.

California law (Education Code § 51440) authorizes the granting of retroactive high school diplomas to eligible veterans. Effective January 1, 2004, California Assembly Bill 781 was enacted as law (Education Code § 51430), specifically authorizing the retroactive granting of diplomas to persons whose internment by federal order in World War II prevented them from graduating from their home town high school.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Diana Carballo in my office by email at [diana.carballo@sbcss.net](mailto:diana.carballo@sbcss.net) or by phone at 909.386.2406.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Alejandre".

Ted Alejandre  
County Superintendent

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Guevara".

Frank Guevara  
Director of Veterans Affairs





OPERATION RECOGNITION

Veterans Diploma Project Application

Deadline: Monday, October 24, 2022

Name of proposed recipient:

Please print name as it would appear on diploma.

First: Middle: Last:

Address: City: Zip:

Mailing address: City: Zip:

Phone: Alternative Phone:

Email address: Date of birth:

Contact person:

First: Middle: Last:

Mailing address: City: Zip:

Phone: Alternative phone:

Email address: Relationship to recipient:

Is this diploma being awarded to a family member of a deceased veteran or internee? Yes No

If yes, indicate place and date of death:

Recipient's education information:

Name of high school: City/State:

Dates of attendance: Date of entry: Date of exit:

Highest grade completed: Received GED: Yes No

Please check appropriate box:

War: World War II Korean Vietnam OR Relocation camp internee

Branch of service: Army Air Force Coast Guard Marines Navy

Date of entry: Date of discharge:

Military background: (Background information is not an eligibility requirement)

Military occupation(s): Location:

Description:

Decorations, medals, badges, commendations, and ribbons awarded:

Wounds received in action, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade, rate or rank at time of exit: \_\_\_\_\_ Total length of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient's name with military rank: \_\_\_\_\_

**Any additional information you would like to share:** *(This is not an eligibility requirement)*

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*Feel free to staple additional pages of information, if necessary.*

**How did you hear about San Bernardino County's Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photograph:** *(The photo is not an eligibility requirement)*

If qualified, please include a photograph of you with your application or email it to the address provided below.

<p><b><u>Application Checklist:</u></b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Verification of an honorable discharge (A copy of DD-214 or similar documentation)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Photograph</p>	<p><b><u>Submit to:</u></b></p> <p>San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Office of the Superintendent Attn: Diana Carballo 601 North E Street San Bernardino, CA 92415-0020 diana.carballo@sbcss.net</p>
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