

Anna & Natalie

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Overcoming Challenges, Service, Responsibility, People with Disabilities

Grade Level: 1st to 3rd grade

Book Brief: Anna is determined to win the honor of laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Talk about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Where is it? Who's buried there? Take a virtual trip by watching this interview with a Tomb Guard from 2006: www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiuZRb_4UU. (Watch out for foul language in the comments section.)

RELATED ACTIVITIES

GIVING THANKS (AGES 4-12)

Materials: paper, markers, stickers (optional), one large envelope



Make cards or write letters for US veterans to say thanks. Mark cards with children's first names and your organization's name and send them in one large envelope to:

Thank a Veteran
c/o Penny Alfonso
1970 Rangeview Drive
Glendale, CA 91201

For specific guidelines, visit:
www.operationgratitude.com/letters-to-heroes

CELEBRATION WREATH (AGES 4-12)

Materials: different colors of construction paper, glue, scissors, pencil, markers

1. Have each child trace a handprint on construction paper. Cut them out. (Younger children may need help tracing and cutting.)
2. On their hands, have children write one thing that makes them special. Let them decorate the hands.
3. Glue the hands together (fingers facing out) to make a wreath to display. For a more stable wreath, glue hands onto a backing of poster board or a paper plate.

DOG MAGNETS (AGES 5-12)

Materials: bone-shaped dog treat, felt, 2 wiggle eyes, 2 small black pompoms or round pieces of felt, glue, sticky magnet strips

Cut two ear-shaped pieces out of the felt. Glue them to one end of the dog biscuit. Glue on wiggle eyes. Under the wiggle eyes, glue two pompoms close together to make the nose. Stick the magnets on the back of the dog biscuit.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Texas Star (1990), *Wash Day* (2004).

TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS www.rif.org/kids



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