



2025

Operation Recognition

Attention Veterans and Japanese-American Citizens

Did you miss graduating from high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or internment in a World War II relocation camp?

If so, you may be eligible to receive a high school diploma.

Operation Recognition, a Riverside County Office of Education program, provides diplomas to those in our community whose high school education was interrupted due to wartime circumstances.

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Served in the U.S. Armed Forces in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War with honorable discharge; or,
- Interned in a Japanese-American relocation camp during World War II; and
- Currently reside in Riverside County.

In addition, if you have a qualifying family member who is now deceased, a person representing the family may apply for posthumous recognition.

There is no charge to participate in Operation Recognition.

Completed application forms and supporting documentation must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 17, 2025**.



Application can be found at:
www.rcoe.us/operation-recognition

For additional information, please contact:

Yadira Chavelas, Administrator, Events, Community Engagement and Partnerships

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2025 Operation Recognition APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY AND ZIP CODE _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

HIGHEST RANK OR RATING HELD _____

Please check appropriate box(es):

WWII Veteran Korean War Veteran Vietnam War Veteran Japanese-American Citizen

Dates served in the U.S. Armed Forces:

December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946 June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955 August 5, 1964* – May 7, 1975

*or February 28, 1961 for veterans who served in country before August 5, 1964

When did you attend high school?

1937-1940 1946-1950

Other (list dates): _____

Name of high school enrolled in prior to military service: _____

City and state of high school: _____ Highest grade completed: _____

Have received a GED? Yes No

Have received a high school diploma? Yes No

Were you interned in a relocation camp during the period of September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946?

Yes* No *If yes, name and location of camp: _____

Name of high school enrolled in prior to internment: _____

City and state of high school: _____

Is this diploma being awarded posthumously?

Yes* No *If yes, date and place of death: _____

Veterans – Please submit the following with completed application form:

Verification of military service and discharge papers (copy of DD214). For assistance in obtaining a copy of the necessary documentation, please contact Riverside County Veterans' Services, (800) 481-2101 or (951) 955-3060.

Japanese-American Citizens – Please submit the following with completed application form:

Evidence of internment in a relocation camp during the period specified.

Name of person applying for this award if other than the Veteran or Japanese-American Citizen to be recognized:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

What is the best way to contact the honoree, if needed?

Email Phone Text Please do not contact the honoree directly

(If selecting "Do not contact," we will reach out to the nominator if follow-up is needed.)

Return completed form by October 17, 2025 to:

Yadira Chavelas, Administrator

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