

Mission: Honor

An Earn-a-Patch Program Created by Operation Not Alone



A guide to help our nation's youth understand the service
and sacrifice made by those who serve in the
United States Military

This activity booklet belongs to:

Welcome! We're so glad you joined us to spread honor and gratitude to those who have served our country in the United States Military!

Your mission:

- **Discover** facts and information about the military
- **Connect** and reflect on your discoveries with your peers, and perhaps with someone who has real-life experience in the military
- **Take Action** to help our active duty service members and our veterans feel appreciated and supported

Patriotically,
The ONA Girl Squad





**Discover facts and
information about the
United States Military.**

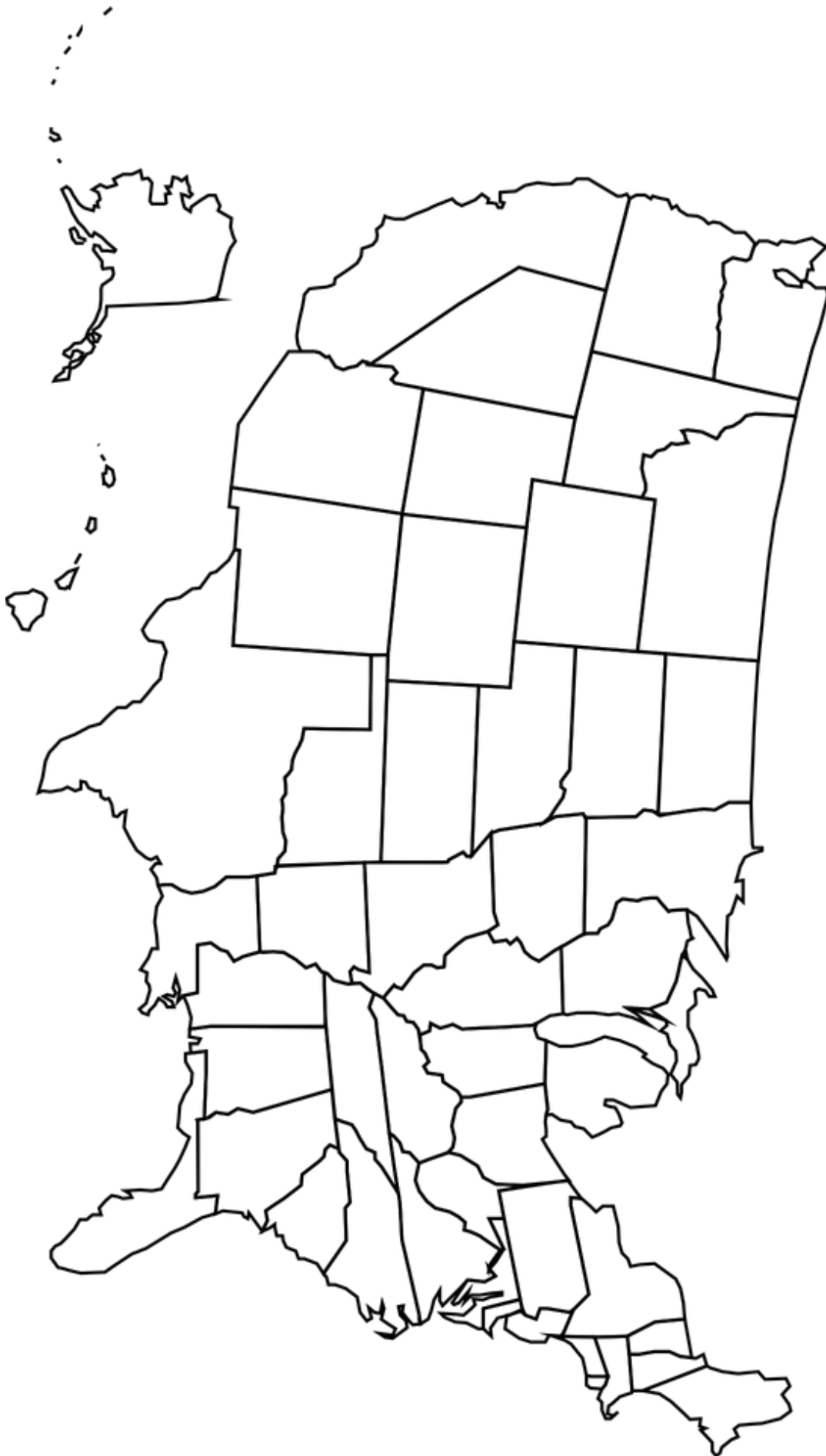
**How many branches?
What do they do?
Do they have any
bases around the United
States? Are they elsewhere
in the world?**

Military Branch

What They Do

1. Place a dot on the map where you find military bases.
2. Color in your home state.

How many military bases are in your home state?



1. Identify 5 different countries where US troops are stationed.
Locate them and color in the country on the map!



Do you know the difference?

Active Duty: A service member *currently serving* in the military; someone who currently serves in the US Armed Forces in the United States or overseas in a different country


Veteran: A retired or former member of the US military; someone who *has served* in the US Armed Forces in the United States or overseas

Do you know how to identify an active duty service member or a veteran in person? Write down or draw your thoughts below:



Now that you know how to identify them, take time to thank an active duty service member or veteran in-person – whether it's a family member, a friend, a neighbor, or a member of your community.

Remember! Some service members and veterans aren't as easily recognized as others. You may walk past a veteran in the grocery store and not even know!



**Connect and reflect on
your discoveries on pages
3-5 with your peers, and
perhaps with someone
who has real-life experi-
ence in the military**

I talked to:


We talked about:


I learned:

What Does it Mean to be Patriotic?

Draw a picture, write a story, or write a song about what patriotism means to you.

What Patriotism Means to Me





**Take Action to help our
US Military service
members and our
veterans feel
appreciated and
supported. What can
you do to help?**

How can I help service members and veterans feel appreciated and supported?

The words “thank you for your service” can go a long way! It is important for us to show appreciation for those who made many sacrifices so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today in the United States!

Here are some ideas from the ONA Girl Squad!

Make a “Thank You” card using the following materials:



Stickers
Construction paper
Drawings
Flags
Stars
Ribbon
Washi tape

Gems
Foam
Markers
Crayons
Colored pencils
Pom poms
Pipe cleaners

Gather supplies and assemble a care package to send to a service member overseas

A typical deployment can last for many months, far away from home, families, favorite foods, and more. Show your appreciation and spread kindness to military personnel overseas by gathering supplies to send them in a care package!

Supplies Suggestions:

Your handmade “thank you” card
Coffee
Tea
Non-perishable snacks
Q-tips
Toothbrush/toothpaste
Hand/foot warmers

Deodorant
Lip balm
Baby wipes
Tall socks
Movies
Earbuds
Puzzles



BONUS! You can make a signature ONA tie blanket! Information and instructions can be found on our website:

<https://operationnotalone.net/services/care-packages/>

You did it!

You've completed Mission: Honor by **discovering** more about the US military and veterans, **connecting** and reflecting with your peers, and **taking action** to show your gratitude to those who have served our country.

For your hard work and dedication, you have earned a special patch!

Well done, Girl Scout!

