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## 250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IDEAS

For Valentine's Day or Memorial Day: Work with your local school district, home school group(s), Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc and sponsor a "Valentine's for Veterans" or "Heart Campaign" where students write thank you notes to Veteran's on red/white/blue hearts. These can be hung on doors, refrigerators, etc.

Contribute 250 items to a community program serving Veterans- 250 pairs of socks, underwear, t-shirts, flag pins, snacks, puzzle books, etc.

Make Poppy Greeting cards using Thumbprints. Ideas can be found by searching Pinterest. Have students or local clubs (Homemakers, church groups, etc.) use those to write thank you notes to Veterans.

Along with the Americanism Essay contest sponsor a local poetry or poster contest highlighting the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States. Hang up posters in local businesses to celebrate America's birthday. (Make sure identifying information is not visible on posters.)

Consider purchasing items from Emblem to distribute to students to promote Americanism-coloring books, flags, etc. or use ideas from the Star Spangled Kit highlighted on the North Dakota ALA website. Attached is a list of books that your Unit may want to consider purchasing for your local schools, daycares or community libraries.