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## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL OPERATION: MULRENNAN SALUTES

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# PRESS RELEASE

Mulrennan Middle School Announces 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veterans Celebration  
*2009 event will be expanded to encourage participation from all Area 6 schools and community members.*

**Valrico, FL, October 13, 2009:** This year marks the third annual "Operation: Mulrennan Salutes" and we are planning a bigger and better event that will be designed to allow all members of our community to show their support and gratitude to our nation's veterans. As in years past, we will be partnering with HCSO Charities' "Operation Patriot" in their efforts to raise money and supplies for the residents of the Baldomero Lopez State Veterans' Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes, FL. This year, several activities will lead up to the November 10<sup>th</sup> event and will provide opportunities for everyone in our community to participate in our Veterans Day celebration.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> will be designated as "Armed Forces Celebration Week". Students, parents and staff members of Mulrennan will be encouraged to decorate t-shirts and/or wear the colors of the different branches of the armed forces to commemorate their history and to honor their service to our nation. All schools in Area 6 (and throughout the county) are invited to send a decorated spirit shirt from their school as a way to participate in this year's event. Schools are welcome to send multiple shirts honoring each of the five branches and all will be displayed throughout our campus during the week of Veterans Day.

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – US Army Day (Black and Gold)
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – US Marines Day (Scarlett and Gold)
- November 4<sup>th</sup> – US Navy Day (Navy Blue and Gold)
- November 5<sup>th</sup> – US Air Force Day (Royal Blue and Gold)
- November 6<sup>th</sup> – US Coast Guard Day (White, Orange and Blue)

During the week of November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, our school will be collecting items and gift cards that will be donated to the Baldomero Lopez State Veterans' Nursing Home. Anyone wishing to donate items or gift cards can drop them off at Mulrennan beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup> through Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 4:30pm. All items will be collected and distributed by the HCSO Charities "Operation Patriot" organization.

Finally, on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, faculty, staff and students will participate in a special morning assembly to honor our community's heroes beginning at 9:00am. The special event will culminate with all of our Mulrennan family gathering in the front of the school to form a living American flag and to sing our National Anthem.

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents and homeroom teachers are asked to wear white
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents and homeroom teachers are asked to wear red
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents and homeroom teachers are asked to wear blue
- Guests can wear any of the colors above.

Parents and other community leaders are invited to attend, but we request that you RSVP with Mr. Pope before Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We are in need of XL t-shirts in the above-mentioned solid colors to help students or other guests that those in attendance can wear as we form the flag. If you are interested in assisting or need more information, please feel free to contact Mr. Pope at 813-951-6560 or [jw.pope@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:jw.pope@sdhc.k12.fl.us)

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