



# Military Heritage Museum

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## MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM HONORS 9/11 HEROES' DAY

**PUNTA GORDA, FL** - On Thursday, September 11, fifth-grade students from Kingsway Elementary will be at the Military Heritage Museum for a field trip featuring a special rotation station about 9/11 Heroes' Day. Thanks to the generosity of the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, this standards-aligned and fun-filled day is an experience all of the Charlotte County grade 5 students enjoy as they experience many engaging stations planned for the day. Students experience flight simulators, virtual reality, a 3-D movie, kid's documentary, directed gallery exploration and a history-focused iPad game in addition to the special Heroes' Day station.

This field trip and the station on 9/11 align with the spirit and intent of Florida Statute 683.335. This statute designates September 11<sup>th</sup> as "9/11 Heroes' Day" to honor those who perished in the 2001 terrorist attacks, requiring that the day be observed in public schools. While the statute specifically mandates historical instruction for middle and high school students, we believe it is equally vital to introduce this important day to our younger students in an age-appropriate and meaningful way.

Thanks to the enduring partnership between Charlotte County Public Schools, the Military Heritage Museum and the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, students continue to benefit from deeper engagement and understanding in Social Studies. This special lesson at the museum provides an impactful opportunity for fifth graders to learn about the significance of this day and the heroism it commemorates.

The Military Heritage Museum is located at 900 West Marion Ave. in Punta Gorda. The hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 4. Admission is \$10 for kids up to 14 years, \$14 veterans and \$16 for adults. For further information visit [www.militaryheritagemuseum.org](http://www.militaryheritagemuseum.org) or call 941-941-575.9002.

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