

Additional Club Meeting Ideas:

Regular FLAG Club meetings provide an excellent opportunity to further educate students about the United States flag, helping them to grow in their understanding of the importance of Old Glory and everything she stands for.

- Hold a coloring contest or Art Contest with all grades with a patriotic theme.
- Send thank you cards to first responders, October for Fire Fighters, May for Police and Sept. 9/11 for all.
- Write a skit about being a part of your FLAG Club to encourage more participation. Share your skit during announcements or at school gatherings.
- Plan school announcements throughout the year that inform the student body about “On this day in American History...” and other related ideas.

Possible Patriotic Community Service Projects suggestions:

- USO in-kind donations for military. Go to USO.org and click on “find a USO” in your area. Look up the local chapter to get a contact person and phone number.
- Airborne Angel Cadets of Texas prepares Comfort Food Packs for Soldiers overseas. Go to www.airborneangelcadets.com for more information. This group in Carrollton, TX. Email them at support@airborneangelcadets.com for a list of needed items.
- Contact local Nursing Homes, Veterans Hospitals, VFW and American Legion Posts to assist these organizations or find local veterans these organizations serve. Have the students create birthday or get-well cards to these Veterans.
- Contact your local Fire and Police Departments for ideas on how your club can show appreciation.
- Jr High and Highschool students contact the Travis Manion Foundation at www.travismanion.org and look over the “Character Does Matter” section. This organization will send a trainer to your school to speak to your students on character and leadership.
- Fundraiser for a military, first responder or patriotic organization that needs funds or specific items for a specific need or program. These could include:
 - Patriotpaws.org, provides service dogs to Disabled Vets.
 - America’s Mighty Warriors, Supporting our Troops and the Families of the Fallen, www.americasmightywarriors.org, Impacting and honoring our Military and Fallen and their Families for their selfless service and sacrifice. Debbie Lee, Gold Star Mom, email her at debbie@americasmightywarriors.org
 - Snowballexpress.org through the Gary Sinise Foundation provides free trips to Disney World for families of fallen soldiers.
 - Texas Gold Star Moms organizations needs help donating funds and placing wreaths on the graves of soldiers <http://www.txokgoldstarmoms.com/wreaths-across-america.html>

Flag Club Trainers: Contract your local Military Recruiting office, Police/Fire Fighters, or your local Jr. ROCT groups for trainers to assist with training the students the proper Flying, Lowering and Gathering of the flags. These professionals will come to your school free of charge.