

## **HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FOR WORLD WAR II VETERANS**

The 2000 Florida Legislature passed legislation authorizing the Commissioner of Education to award a high school diploma to honorably discharged World War II veterans. Section 1003.428(9), Florida Statutes, provides for the award of a high school diploma to eligible World War II veterans.

Veterans who meet the following criteria will be eligible:

- Inducted into military service between September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946
- Received an honorable discharge
- Started high school between 1937-1946
- Scheduled to graduate from high school between 1941-1950
- Resident of the state of Florida

The diplomas are for any veteran who currently resides in Florida, regardless of whether they were living in Florida at the time they went to high school. The Florida Department of Education will send a standard Florida high school diploma upon receiving a completed and notarized application along with your DD Form 214 or honorable discharge. Also, family members who would like to apply for a diploma posthumously may do so.

The Florida Departments of Education and Veterans' Affairs will work together to assist veterans with the application process for their diplomas. Interested veterans should contact Ed Ortiz at the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs at [ortize@fdva.state.fl.us](mailto:ortize@fdva.state.fl.us) or by calling (727) 319-7400.

Additional information may also be obtained by contacting Gayle Manley at [Gayle.Manley@fldoe.org](mailto:Gayle.Manley@fldoe.org) at the Division of Career and Adult Education, Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Room 714, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400, or by calling (850) 245-9057.

Applications and other relevant information can be found at:  
<http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/veteran-diploma.asp>