

SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

Military Service & Veterans Merit Badge Class Preparation Page

for **ONLINE** and **IN-PERSON** classes ScoutmasterBucky.com or ScoutmasterBucky@yahoo.com or 612-483-0665

Expectations

1. Read and Review ALL requirements prior to the class.
2. Active interaction / participation is expected and mandatory.
3. Share in your own words – avoid reading your answers.
4. Pay attention to the action verbs.
5. Bring proof of completion (even partially completed work).
6. A positive Scouting focus and attitude
7. Scout uniform.

Remember to Bring

1. Your Scouting Member ID (formerly BSA ID – NOT your Scoutbook ID) or your merit badge blue card properly filled out and signed off by your Unit Leader or authorized designee.

2. Notes and questions from reviewing Scouting America's Military Service & Veterans merit badge digital resources.

3. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge that may also include a merit badge workbook for reference with notes.

4. Your Veteran interview recording or notes on five Veterans (Requirement 3b) and notes from talking with a military member or Veteran (Requirement 6a)

5. Proof of the Veterans event (Requirement 7a) and the place you visited (Requirement 7c), such as a program, photos, or notes

Requirements Insight

Note: There is no official Military Service & Veterans merit badge pamphlet. Use Scouting America's digital resource guide and the Scoutmaster Bucky Military Service & Veterans Merit Badge Workbook to prepare.

Requirement(s)	Expectations
1, 2a, 3a, 4, 5, 6b, 8, and 9	**If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete these requirements during the class.** • Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for completion consideration. • For Requirement 5c, learn the rank insignia for all enlisted and officer ranks of one branch before the class.
2b	**This requirement specifies choosing ONE of the requirement options; each of which requires some level of preparation work ahead of time.** • For option 2b1, read or listen to President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" speech before the class. Bring your notes.
3b	**This requirement specifies choosing ONE of the requirement options; both must be done ahead of time and will NOT be completed during the class.** • 3b1: Interviewing and recording a Veteran takes planning, so start well before the class. Share the recording with the Veteran and, with the Veteran's permission, the Library of Congress. • 3b2: Study five Veterans, each from a different conflict, in the Veterans History Project database. Bring your notes.
6a	**Scouts must talk with an Active-duty member, Reservist, Guardsman, or Veteran before the class.** • Bring what you learned to share. Scouts not doing this pre-work will not be able to complete this requirement as a part of the class.
7	**Requirements 7a and 7c must be done outside of the class.** • Take part in a Veterans Day, Memorial Day, or other event that honors Veterans, and visit a Veterans' organization, military museum, memorial, or cemetery. • Bring proof of each and be ready to discuss your role and what you learned (7b and 7c).
10	**This requirement specifies choosing ONE of the requirement options; each requires research ahead of time.** • Option 10a may require parent / guardian permission for your research methods. Bring your research to share.