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Dear Administrators and Educators,

Thank you for taking a moment to read about our Living History Education Day scheduled for November 3rd at the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site in Johnson City Tennessee. This Education Day is being held on the historic site in conjunction with an event known as "A Walk in Their Boots".

"A Walk in Their Boots" is a historical timeline event organized 6 years ago designed to honor the American Soldier throughout our nation's history. In 2016, nearly 450 school children from Elizabethton, Erwin, and the Unicoi Area Schools as well as several home school programs attended what was our first annual "Education Day", held at Sycamore Shoals State Park. The Education Day was and is today geared towards providing students the opportunity to learn from well versed and dedicated living historians about life in military service, the equipment those soldiers used and the environment they experienced while serving our great country.

The very successful 2016 program took students on a historical tour of various eras showing advancements in frontier life, medical care and medicine, communications equipment, food preparation, uniforms and field gear used by soldiers on battlefields here in the United States as well as overseas. Our living historians, or reenactors as some call them, are all experienced in their specific representations. The reenactors look the part and deliver their knowledge in a first person style presentation format. The 2016 Education Day program was capped by a presentation of an Air Force and Army Veteran who presented his work in assisting with the 1960's Apollo Landing Program. Many students were unaware that we did even land on the Moon, so this in itself was truly an eye opener. For 2017, we are planning a similar event this year with another featured speaker on the historic grounds of the Tipton Haynes Farm and Homestead.

The program is open to students from the 5th Grade to High School and in my opinion is a perfect opportunity to enhance the students' knowledge of American and World History and the development of patriotism and respect for our Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen. This program would certainly be of great interest to your history, social studies and if so sponsored by your school district, your JROTC programs as well. It truly is an immersive experience for the student.

I hope you can take a moment to consider sharing this message along to those within your faculty who would be interested in attending. Additional details can be found on our event website at <http://militarywalk.us/EducationDay.htm> or by reaching out directly to Eric Montgomery at 412-726-6665 or via email at [ericm@militarywalk.us](mailto:ericm@militarywalk.us)

Our most kind regards,

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