

Educator Road Rally for Veterans Day

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Objective: This is an after-school activity for teachers. It includes these elements:

- Learn how to **take great pictures**. (*Kodak's Top Ten Tips for Taking Great Pictures*)
- Photograph **Military Grave Markers** at a local cemetery: <http://www.flagguys.com/gmarker.html>
- Watch the **Mission of Visual Literacy** (Dr. Lynell Burmark) - a 10 minute video.
- Learn how to use iPads as a **video-capture/share tool in the classroom**.
- **Pair-and-share**, evaluate and select the **best photos** from the entire group..
- **Collaborate** to produce a YouTube video honoring our nation's fallen heroes.

Materials:

- Digital camera or iPad for each participant
- Google Map of cemeteries [<http://goo.gl/maps/unFRL>] in Port Washington and Saukville

Assigned Locations by School (See Google Map above - good luck!):

- **PWHS** Teachers: Old St. Mary's Cemetery (two blocks north of the high school)
- **TJMS** Teachers: St. Mary's Cemetery (three blocks north of the middle school)
- **DES** Teachers: these cemeteries - Union (Port Wash.) and Norwegian/Holden East
- **LES** Teachers: these cemeteries - Holden West, Katharina and St. Finbars
- **SES** Teachers: these cemeteries - Union (Saukville), Sizer

Procedure:

1. **After school on Nov 1**, take a teacher-partner and visit your school's assigned cemetery(ies) - see above.
2. Walk around, explore, ponder and learn about the community by reading tombstones.
3. Take photographs of as many *different Military Grave Markers* that your group can find. (Note: As a large group, we should find as many as **ten** different types around here.)
4. After you're done (10-15 min at each cemetery), go to **Blue Heron Wildlife Sanctuary** which is 2.0 miles north of Saukville. (See *the Google Map for precise location*.)
5. If time permits, walk around Blue Heron Wildlife Sanctuary and shoot more photos for use in your classroom.
6. **Gather together as a large group in the cabin at Blue Heron at 4:20 pm.**
7. From 4:20-5:00 pm we will complete all of the learning objectives listed above.

We will be done by 5:00 pm. For those who wish to linger longer, the wildlife sanctuary is open until sunset (5:45 pm). Questions/comments? Email Dick at the above address.