



RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
EDWIN GOMEZ, Ed.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools



*2020*

# OPERATION RECOGNITION



# *Message from the Superintendent*

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Dear Operation Recognition Class of 2020,

I am honored and humbled to thank the men and women who have served in the military in the past and in the present. Our veterans make many sacrifices to protect democracy and freedom in this great country – for some that meant serving their country while high school classmates were marching in commencement ceremonies.

Education Code Section 51440 authorizes the granting of retroactive high school diplomas to eligible veterans. Section 51430 also authorizes the retroactive granting of diplomas to Japanese-American citizens whose internment by federal order in World War II prevented them from graduating from their hometown high school. Degrees are also bestowed posthumously.

Since 2007, a total of 362 veterans have received their diplomas. The diplomas are awarded through a joint effort of the Riverside County Board of Education, Riverside County Office of Education, and the Riverside County Department of Veteran's Services.

This year, it is my privilege to award 11 veterans their high school diploma as part of Operation Recognition! Our graduates include a veteran from World War II, two from the Korean War, and eight from the Vietnam War. These distinguished men have earned one of life's most important milestones - a high school diploma - through their devotion to America and the wisdom and experience gained serving in the armed forces.

Graduates, today is your moment! There is, indeed, a very personal story behind each one of you. Each has had many successes and setbacks, achieved significant milestones, made sacrifices, and overcame challenges in life.

I share your personal joy and deep sense of accomplishment. On behalf of the Riverside County Office of Education, I salute you on your high school graduation and thank you for your selfless service.

Congratulations Operation Recognition Class of 2020!



Sincerely,

Edwin Gomez, Ed.D.  
Riverside County  
Superintendent of Schools

# Operation Recognition Honorees



**Edward Francis Boisvert**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Korean War



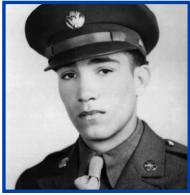
**Andres Castillo**  
U.S. Army  
Vietnam War



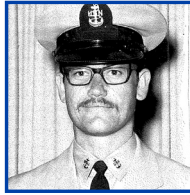
**Harvey L. Clavon**  
U.S. Army  
Vietnam War



**Julius V. Condemi**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Korean War



**Eliodoro C. Gonzalez**  
U.S. Army  
World War II



**John William King**  
U.S. Navy  
Vietnam War



**Mark Marschlowitz**  
U.S. Army  
Vietnam War



**Johnny Jesse Moser**  
U.S. Navy  
Vietnam War



**Ernesto Perez**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Vietnam War



**Warren Joseph Torregano**  
U.S. Navy  
Vietnam War



**Stephen E. Varner**  
U.S. Army  
Vietnam War

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## *Our Pledge*

Every student in Riverside County  
will graduate from high school academically  
and socially prepared for college,  
the workforce, and civic responsibility.