This family guide highlights works of art that tell the story of the American Soldier through the eyes of combat artists. It includes activities that allow you and your family to look closely at the art, express yourself and have fun. Please use pencils only and do not touch the artwork.

A SOLDIER’S PACK
WHAT OBJECTS REMIND YOU OF HOME?

Look at the soldier’s pack in the case in front of you. What would you take with you on a trip far from home?

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PASSING THE TIME

Soldiers spend a lot of time waiting when they are not on duty. They enjoy many different activities to keep from getting bored. Look at the art in the “Camp Life” gallery. List some examples of activities shown in the artwork.

MILITARY UNIFORMS

How are the uniforms the same? How are the uniforms different?

These are uniforms that soldiers have worn from World War I through today. Write the letter next to the war in which they were used. Explore the artwork to find examples of these uniforms.

World War I
World War II
Vietnam
Current Operations

A SOLDIER’S SACRIFICE

What is the first thing you notice in this painting? How do you think the marine in this painting feels?

AN ARTIST’S JOB IS TO TELL A STORY AND MAKE YOU FEEL AN EMOTION.

Artists use many different techniques to show emotion and create the feeling they want you to have when you look at their artwork. In the gallery, find the painting at left entitled “Marines Call It That 2,000 Yard Stare.” What mood or feelings do you think the artist was trying to share?

Use the word bank below to help you choose.

What are some other emotions you feel from different paintings in the exhibit? Are there a lot of different emotions connected to being in war?

Quiet
Anxious
Excited
Shocked
Scared
Relaxed
Proud
Serious
Surprised
Other:
MEDICAL TREATMENT
WHAT SYMBOL DO YOU SEE?

The symbol of a red cross tells soldiers from all sides that the people, buildings and vehicles they see are helping those who need medical treatment. They are not to be attacked. In fact, if soldiers do attack something or someone with a red cross, they can get into a lot of trouble.

Look through this gallery and count all of the examples of the red cross you can find. Draw a symbol in the space below that means safety to you and your family.