As part of our Arts Access Initiative, The Freeman Stage is providing a weekly list of grade-appropriate arts/cultural enrichment opportunities to support area schools, parents and other family members in maintaining a well-rounded educational curriculum for students.

**CELEBRATE ARMED FORCES WEEK: MAY 10 – 16**

Thank the men and women who serve our country!

**GRADES K-2**

Did you know the United States Navy has a country band? Enjoy listening as the Country Current Band performs, “It’s America.” [Here is the LINK](#). Do you ever get a chance to watch an airshow performed by the United States Air Force Thunderbirds? Meet Major Jason Markzon and learn how he turned his goal to be an astronaut into reality as a Thunderbird. [Here is the LINK](#)

**Essential Question:** What makes America special to you?

**GRADES 3-5**

The Marines’ motto is “Semper Fidelis,” which means “Always Faithful” in Latin. The “Semper Fidelis March,” written by John Philip Sousa (who served as the conductor of the Marine Band from 1880 - 1892), is the Corps’ official march. Marines will often shorten the phrase to “Semper Fi.”

**Essential Question:** What inspires you to meet your goals?

**GRADES 6-8**

The United States Army Chorus is one of our nation’s only professional all-male choruses. Enjoy them as they perform this humorous & popular running cadence, “They Say That in the Army.” [Here is the LINK](#).

**Essential Question:** What makes a song fill you with pride?

**GRADES 9-12**

The Arts Access Initiative is a program of The Freeman Stage, which provides K-12 students, residents and families of the Delmarva region year-round access to high quality, diverse arts experiences at no cost. This includes our Arts in Education program, which has touched 122,948 students in the region – from Pre-K through Grade 12 -- since its inception in 2008.

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