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MILITARY CLASSES IN FULL SWING... INSTRUCTORS CHOSEN FOR HONOR FLIGHT!!

Check out our web site!

When you get a chance, please visit our website and see what activities our department are involved in now! Pictures from veterans' day, class web sites and department news are all included. We are also working on having a form where veterans' can sign up to attend veterans' day activities!!!!!!

Fall Veterans' Day!!!!!!

We are planning on hosting our biannual veterans' day on **December 12** at the NG Armory next to Newnan High School. PLEASE mark your calendars NOW! We will be serving breakfast and lunch again and you will have an opportunity to speak with hundreds of HS students!

Special Thanks!!!!!!

To Mr. Bob Berschinski, who purchased a copy of Moore and Galloway's new book, **We are Soldier's Still** for each Vietnam War student!!

August 6 saw the start of school here in Newnan...which means the World War II and Vietnam have started all over again and the December veterans' day is just around the corner!

The Vietnam War class is taught by Mr. Steve Quesinberry. Starting with the early history of Vietnam as well as the culture and geography, students move through the Cold War and the French involvement in the country before getting the United States involved. The veteran experience is an integral part of the class. Students have been visited by numerous veterans already, (including 4 ARVN SF soldiers that spent YEARS in re education camps) done computer simulations of the cold war and the Vietnam decision making process. They have eaten learned to use chopsticks and have eaten Vietnamese food. They are also corresponding with veterans via email from across the US. They have experienced military weapons and equipment week, helicopter week and air-

power week. They are also listening to the music of the 1950's and 1960's as part of their study. The remainder of the term will see several more veterans come to the classroom, an infantry X-Box simulation as well as focus on the year 1968, the protest movement and the end of the war.

The World War II class is taught by Mr. Frank Henderson. Once again this year the WWII class is off to a great start. Many local and some not so local veterans have already visited the class. They have had the privilege of listening to the men as they share their experiences and stories. These invaluable lessons will undoubtedly stay with our students for the rest of their lives. To date we have had a man whose parents were in the Danish underground, a man that jumped into Normandy with the 101st AB, several pilots, two POW's in Germany and man that survived the Hurtgen Forest. Also visiting recently was one of the secretary's that helped type the orders for D-Day!

Honor Flights

This past May, the two instructors applied to be "guardians" on one of the "honor flights" leaving from Atlanta. This program helps WWII veterans' get to Washington DC to see the WWII memorial by giving them free flights to the nations capital. On each flight are "guardians" that help the veterans navigate around Washington and the memorial itself. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Quesinberry will be flying up to Washington early in the morning of November 12 with a group of WWII vets and will return at the end of the day. To see where the closest Honor Flight organization in your part of the county is located, check the website www.honorflight.org. If you feel led, please donate to this worthy cause- this is how they pay for the WWII vets to go for free!!

