

Alumni Veterans: Not to be Forgotten



GRANT RECIPIENTS

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NYS STANDARD

Social Studies, MST, ELA

GRADE LEVEL

Grades 4-6

STUDENTS SERVED

25 students

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This grant introduced students to OCS alumni veterans, allowed students to plan for a Memorial Day assembly near the existing WWII alumni veterans' honor wall, and enabled them to create a database "scrapbook" of alumni veterans encompassing year of high school completion, branch of service, years of service and their service arena.

To prepare for the creator grant I designed the various electronic forms. I worked with a cold fusion web designer and launched the digital forms that automatically update the new virtual honor wall. To implement the grant I took my class over to the WWII alumni veterans' honor wall. Students counted the names on the honor wall, were assigned names to research, and completed research on the names by using vintage year books. (This is a WW2 honor wall.) We read books, planned for, and implemented an assembly on Memorial Day. In the fall of 2007, we staffed a table at homecoming to collect veteran information. Students were evaluated on the completion of their assigned tasks as part of a Social Studies project grade. This grade had a data entry component and a social participation component.

Resources needed for this grant are a digital camera and a digital camcorder for linking of pictures and interviews to the website.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

As a result of this grant my students had the opportunity to work with a newly created server-based database that houses alumni veteran information. They were able to practice effective communication skills in collecting veteran information and in presenting the Memorial Day program. They gained respect for the veterans by hearing and reading stories that the veteran's had to tell, and by reading historical letters to veterans who were deployed.