

Monday, October 17th

American Heritage Students,

Miss Alexander and Mr. Steele told me your class would be interviewing veterans as a part of your examination of America's Cold War era. My father was a veteran, and I have always wanted to host a Veterans Day event at our high school, but its never Do you have a veteran in your family? We would like to interview them in the next couple weeks to honor those who have served at a Veterans Day event. On Friday, November 11th, 2022, the junior class will be organizing and hosting a Veterans Day event at CSA New Tech High School. During the first nine weeks, the students studied World War I and World War II. In preparation for our Veterans Day event, through October, we will study the Korean War, The Vietnam War, The Cold War, and conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. During this time, we want students to interact with veterans from these conflicts, respectfully interviewing them, then taking a moment to honor them.

Today, students are being assigned to read Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*, a Pulitzer Prize nominated Vietnam War novel. As we study American conflicts and read the war memoir, students will get into groups of three and interview a veteran. Students will then make a slide for the veteran, sharing their service and a little of their story, in a slideshow, so that we can honor them during our Veterans Day event. We want each group of students to have a relative, or local veteran to interact with as they study these events. Groups will also work together to create a Veterans Day program that honors our heroes and educates their peers.

This week, students will create groups and begin to identify a veteran to interview. If you have a veteran in your family, and if they are willing to be interviewed by our students, or if you have a fallen hero in your family and you or another relative would be willing to share their story, please let your student know, so we can include their stories in our work. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please feel free to reach out to us anytime. Thanks for your help!

Thank you for your consideration,

Mr. Reed
CSA Principal