

Greetings!

First and foremost, let us thank you for your service to our country. Every year, Prosper High School holds a special Veterans Day luncheon for our honored area veterans.

Carrie Butts and Lauren Hodum are the Humanities teachers at Prosper High School and this year, we would like to get our students and our veterans more involved with each other, so that the next generation might share in the legacy of your service!

The Humanities course is a two year, team taught class for 9th and 10th grade Advanced Placement, Gifted and Talented students. This is the second year for the program, and the inaugural group of students are working hard on blending their study of World History, English Language Arts, and the Humanities. We are planning a project that will allow our students to interview area veterans so the students might hear stories of service either through a face to face interview at PHS during our yearly veterans day luncheon, or by internet conference-calling like Facetime. After this interview is complete, the students will craft a nonfiction account of your service, and polish these stories into a publishable anthology. We would love to include you and pair you with some of our remarkable students!

If you are interested, here is our timeline:

- As a first step, please respond to us and let us know you are willing to participate.
 - In your response, include the military branch, rank, years of duty, location(s) of service, and job(s) during service. Additionally, we would appreciate a photograph of you from your service!
- The students will receive their assignment on September 6th and 7th, and in groups of one and two be paired with a veteran. The students will be instructed to reach out to you by email in mid-September. Please look for them to introduce themselves! At this point, let them know if there is a specific location, experience, or job on which you would like them to focus their research and questions.
- Next, we will have students draft questions for their interview and email them to you for your approval. Please advise them to steer clear of certain topics if needed.
- Our Veterans Day luncheon is close to Veteran's Day; we will schedule the interviews during this day at your convenience. If you are unable to attend, no problem! We can schedule a Facetime interview during school hours. We want the kids to get a picture with you today as well!
- Now, the kids will get to work on their writing skills! They will tell one of your stories and practice revising, editing, and polishing. We will send their finished work through email for your approval. Final edits should be emailed to you around mid-January.
- Finally, we will compile the final, approved drafts into an anthology to be published! You will get your own copy in early April 2018.

Again, thank you for your service. We hope to hear from you!

Sincerely,

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