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Our community superheroes

By Kenia Flores, Zahira Macias, and Juliana Casillas-Riegsecker

Ligonier - Navy, Army, Air force, and Marine Veterans were recognized at West Noble Elementary School during the Veterans Program.

On November 11, 18 veterans were recognized and thanked by students and staff at West Noble Elementary School for serving in the military.

Veterans walked in the gym as they were led by a student with the name of their military branch. They were greeted by students with smiling faces who were standing, cheering and clapping.

Derek Fletcher, a veteran, who served in the Marine Corps was the guest speaker and said Veterans Day is truly an amazing holiday for veterans.

He said the ‘thank you’s’ veterans receive mean a lot to them.

“We should thank veterans because they have made sacrifices,” said Fletcher.

Fletcher gave the students a lesson on what a veteran is, a little history about Veterans Day, and some important dates and events in history in which veterans participated.

He said a veteran is anyone who has served past or present in any of the five branches.

“Veterans Day was initially called Armistice Day and later renamed Veterans Day in 1954,” said Fletcher. “Armistice Day began in 1819 as a celebration of the end of WWI and a day to honor all military veterans.”

Fletcher explained to the students that



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West Noble Elementary School Assistant Principal Jennifer Duncan welcomes veterans during the West Noble Elementary School Veterans Day Program.

there are some important moments in our US history in which veterans participated and should be recognized for.

First, the American Revolution, also called the U.S. The War of Independence is important because it is when the United States became a free nation and the US flag was created.

He said this war was against Great Britain that took place in 1776 and it was fought because they told us what to do and what not to do. He said we wanted to be our own people and govern ourselves.

Fletcher said another important event in US history is the war of 1812. He said this war also was with Great Britain.

“They were not letting the US trade and an agreement was not reached,” said Fletcher.” At the end of this battle the US was able to trade freely and a poet who saw the American Flag waving created the National Anthem.”

According to Fletcher, there are three reasons why we should thank veterans.

“There are three reasons to thank veterans: they make sacrifices, war is a small part of what they do, and the majority of them signed up by themselves.”

He said the first reason is that veterans make sacrifices by leaving their families.

“It is hard for veterans to leave their families, but that is what they have to do as military and that is what they have chosen to do.”

He said the second reason to thank a veteran is that war is just a small part of what veterans do.

“Veterans do a lot of things for the community, like toy drives and help during disaster reliefs.”

The third reason to thank a veteran, according to Fletcher, is that the majority of veterans signed up to be in the military because they wanted to and not because it was mandatory, like it was sometime in history.

Fletcher said he likes to think of all men and women veterans as all superheroes.

Veteran Spotlight: Mrs. Church



Juliana Casillas-Riegsecker

Amy Church walks into the Veterans Day Program with other Air Force Veterans.

By Maria Murillo, Ashley Flores and Juliana Casillas-Riegsecker

Ligonier - A brave woman who served in the United States Air Force with a desire to take care of those around her. She is our West Noble Veteran Superhero, Amy Church.

Church, who began working at West Noble Elementary as an assistant for applied skills since the beginning of this school year, was recognized during the

West Noble Elementary School Veteran Program on November 11.

She served in the military from May 2001 to August 2004. She completed Basic Training at Lakeland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. She did Aircraft Guidance and Control Repair Training at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi. Her first duty base was stationed in Okinawa, Japan at the Kadena Air Base.

Church said while she was

serving she enjoyed the opportunity she got to travel in the Air Force, meeting new people, and being introduced to new cultures.

“I love meeting new people and being introduced to new cultures,” said Church.

“Many of the friendships I made in the military are still there and I miss many of the people I met.”

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Editorial: Reporters on the job

Ligonier - We are writing. We are doing interviews. We are learning all about a newspaper. We are a team of seven fourth grade students. We are the West Noble Elementary School Newspaper Club.

The newspaper club, which was created in September, consists of seven fourth grade students who have been learning about the basics of a newspaper and especially writing news articles.

Let me introduce you to the reporters of the newspaper club:

Maria Murillo

Murillo, a fourth grade student in Mr. Flora’s classroom, joined the club because she wants to get comfortable talking to people in school.

“I want to get to know people that I don’t know,” said Murillo.

Murillo also said she wants to learn how to interview people, as well as work within a group or with a partner writing stories.

Murillo, who loves math, said so far the hardest part of being in the newspaper club is writing the stories and including quotes.

Murillo said she has enjoyed the comments she has received from people, especially from her teacher, Mr. Flora.

“My teacher asked me about the newspaper and that made me feel good,” said Murillo. “People ask me how I am doing with the paper and that is good.”

Ashley Flores

Flores, a fourth grade student in Ms. Barnett’s classroom, joined the club to get to know other students and learn some more vocabulary.

“Flores said she has really enjoyed being part of the newspaper club so far.

“I love coming to the newspaper club meetings to

work on stories and also because I get to see Mrs. Riegsecker,” said Flores.

She said her favorite story so far has been writing about Parent University.

Flores, whose favorite subject is math, said writing newspapers stories has been a challenge.

“Putting the story together is difficult because certain things need to be in order,” said Flores.

Flores loves playing volleyball and watching TV in her free time.

Kenia Flores

Flores, a fourth grader in Ms. Barnett’s classroom, said she joined the newspaper to learn to write newspaper stories, but also to see Mrs. Riegsecker just like her twin sister Ashley Flores.

“I wanted to join the newspaper club because I thought it would be very fun to write stories,” said Flores.

She likes being in the newspaper club because she loves to write and so far her favorite part has been learning how to write stories.

“The newspaper club is very fun and it has helped me to learn new things,” said Flores.

Flores said her favorite story that she has written so far has been the one about Abbey and Daisy.

In her free time, Flores loves playing volleyball with her sister and watching cartoons.

Zahira Macias

Macias, a fourth grader in Ms. Barnett’s classroom, said she initially joined because her friends Ashley and Kenia Flores joined.

After being part of the newspaper club for a few months, Macias said she is glad she joined the club because she



Juliana Casillas-Riegsecker

West Noble Elementary School Newspaper Club reporters are shown above. From left, Maria Murillo, Ava Bloss, Ashley Flores, Kenia Flores, and Zahira Macias. Kyly Chiddister is pictured at end of the editorial.

has really enjoyed it.

“I am really enjoying writing stories,” said Macias. “I think interviewing and writing makes me smarter.”

Macias enjoys anime and playing games on her phone in her free time.

Ava Bloss

Bloss, a fourth grader in Mrs. Schermerhorn’s classroom, said she joined the newspaper club to spend some time with friends, write stories, but also to inspire other students.

“I really wanted to join to inspire second and third graders,” said Bloss. “I wanted students to read stories about great things that happen in our school. I want students to read the stories and tell others outside of school about how great our school is.”

Bloss said she has enjoyed being in the club so far, but it has been difficult writing the stories.

In her free time, Bloss likes to watch movies and spend time with her puppy Maggie.

Aileen Hernandez

Hernandez, is a fourth grader in Mrs. Schermerhorn’s classroom, she joined the newspaper club because she wanted to work on being less shy.

“I think interviewing people

will help me to be less shy talking to people,” said Hernandez.

She said so far she has really enjoyed writing stories.

Hernandez, whos favorite subject is math, said she enjoys playing on her phone and with her brother on her free time.

She said her favorite story so far that she has written was the story about pioneer day.

Kyly Chiddister

I am Kyly Chiddister, a fourth grader in Mrs. Lemler’s classroom. I love being in the newspaper club because I get to write stories. I am really enjoying the process of putting a story together, but my favorite part of this club is getting to make new friends. I now have six new friends.

My favorite subjects in school are guided reading and math. After school I enjoy playing with my dogs Daisy and Rosie. Therefore, so far my favorite story has been writing about Abby and Daisy.

We hope that you are all enjoying reading our stories about our school.



**Kyly Chiddister,
West Noble
Elementary School
Newspaper Club Reporter**

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While in the Air Force, Church’s job was a Guidance and Control for KC-135 Aircrafts.

“I maintained the screens in the cockpit of an aircraft and made sure that they worked properly,” said Church.

Church said she learned several things from being an Air Force airman, but one of them is very important.

“If you feel a sense of duty to others, then follow your heart and enlist in one of the military branches”, said Church.



Lisa Crick

Students were recently selected as Charger Champions for the month of October for demonstrating compassion and empathy. The students recognized are shown above, from left to right, second graders, third graders, and fourth graders.