

Tell America

24 – CHARLES PARLIER [IL]

Chapter members turned in their final report for the School Year 2006-2007 Tell America Program. The 31 Chapter members active in the program visited 25 schools; approximately

1,100 students, teachers and members of civic groups attended the presentations.

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Students at Arcola High School attending CID 24's Tell America presentation. (The young man on the far left had joined the U.S. Army upon his graduation; he attended all three classes to hear the speakers, Floyd Cooper, David Mayberry, and Glen Thompson, Duane Borriff, and Don Peterson.)



CID 24 speakers at Tell America presentation

Thanks To CID 125 Members For Their Tell America Presentations

We received this letter from an Ohio high school teacher. The men mentioned, with the exception of one, are all members of

CID 125, Greene County {OH}. Loveland High School is located at #1 Tiger Trail, Loveland, OH 45140-1976.

June 4, 2007

To the Editor
Dear Sirs,

As our school year comes to a close here at Loveland High School in Cincinnati, Ohio we wanted to take the time to recognize the service of a few veterans who continue to serve their country after their military service was completed many years ago.

As high school social studies teachers we are always looking for guest speakers to come in and tell the kids what has happened or what is happening from a 'been there, done that' perspective. Each semester over the past many years we have the pleasure to have Doolittle Raider Tom Griffin and WWII Iwo Jima veteran Dick Kerin come in and present history. We also bring in veterans from the Korean, Vietnam (Army nurse Jenny Dornheggen) and Gulf Wars.

The fellow who teaches across the hall from me, David Volkman, is a West Point grad, class of '86, who just spent a tour in Afghanistan in "Operation Enduring Freedom." We also have him present perspective in our classes as well. But, our best-received veterans each semester is a group from Xenia, Ohio who come as a group and present several different angles of the different types of service and experiences from the Korean War.

This group includes regulars Howard Camp, Bill Brumma, Bill McKenzie, Fred Norckauer and Bill Griffey. They all wear their blue blazers, give out American flags, and talk about flag etiquette and 'cut up' along the way with the students and each other. They always remind us that the real heroes are the ones that didn't make it home or those who paid a heavy physical or mental price.

It is also amazing to me as they introduce themselves they declare how long they have been married to the same woman. This varies from 44 years to 55 years. What an example of dedication and commitment, especially to our more recent generations.

We are grateful that they continue to come as they spend the entire day with us from 7:15 a.m. until they leave about 2:30 in the afternoon. This is even more notable because the physical ailments they each endure make it more difficult to visit with us, but they continue to show up each semester. They are a tremendous example of continued service to their country.

Sincerely,
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215 - GEN. WALTON H. WALKER [TX]

Chapter Members Visit Arlington High School In May, 2007

Chapter members in the Ft Worth/Arlington area visited the Arlington High School in May, 2007 for the fifth straight year. These Tell America presentations are given to 8 classes of 9-11th grade students over a period of 2 days, and are always rewarding to students, teachers and veterans.

Several of our veterans say this is one of the best things our Chapter does, and they really enjoy the school visits. During these two days we usually speak to approximately 800 students from the Social Studies classes during the time their studies take

them to the Far East countries of the world.

Connie Martino, one of the teachers, whose family has a long history of military service, coordinates our visits and she is always very gracious while we are there. We look forward to these visits every spring.

We feel strongly that we are helping these students understand the many sacrifices that have been—and are still—being made to preserve the freedoms they enjoy in their daily lives.

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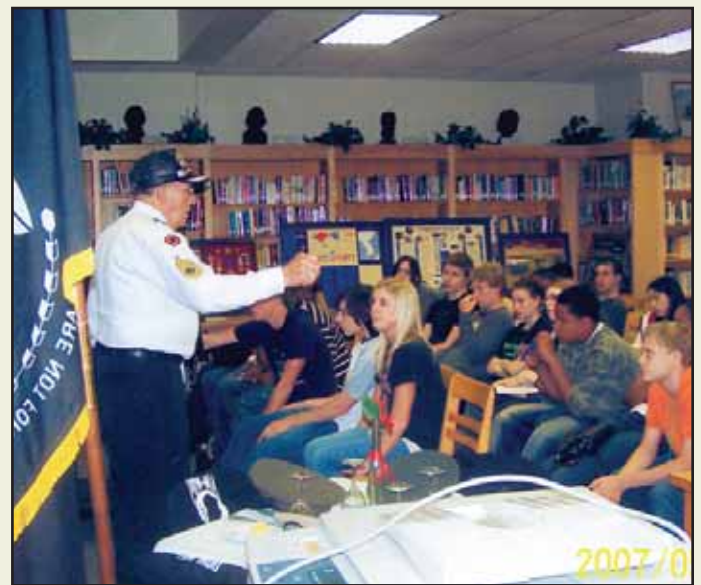


RIGHT: Sam Bass (L) and Marvin Dunn (R) at Arlington High

BELOW: Sam Bass talks to history class students at Arlington High about his Korean War experiences



Bill Mac Swain (R) going over the program with Sam Bass (L)



(L-R) Sam Bass, Bill Mac Swain, Marvin Dunn, Connie Martino (teacher), Jim Wetmore and Lewis Feucht at CID 215's Tell America presentation

Dear Larry -

5/14/07

Once again the Korean War Vets brought us a great two days of presentations and made a difference in the minds and hearts of our high school students. What could be more meaningful than the sincere true stories of our veterans? I am sure they will remember — and you all have informed their lives for the future. Thank you with all my heart. Connie

Teacher Connie Martino's "thank you" letter to CID 215 members