



# Pioneer Career and Technology Center

## Veterans' Day Activities

2014

### Activities at Pioneer:

- Government students participated in a presentation by Mr. Jim Smith, government instructor, on his personal service background and a focus on what Veterans' Day means to him. Other activities in government classes included signing a PowerPoint presentation shared with students.
- Students from the Media Program made poster-style calendars for 2014 and distributed more than 2000 calendars to area veteran organizations. Each student in Media created a different calendar. Students also created a video presentation of Pioneer students thanking veterans which they provided on a DVD to the organizations.  
The link to this video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZXbRuSv0MQ&feature=youtu.be>
- Performing Arts students looked back at World War I, watching a video of the Poppy Project at the Tower of London. They also discussed the Tin Faces Project being held at OSU/Mansfield, in which American sculptor Anna Coleman Ladd worked with American and French soldiers to craft life-like yet paper-thin metal masks to hide their wounds. This newly created work examines her efforts as well as the wounds and healing of soldiers, doctors, nurses, and artists then and now. Students in the Horticulture Program provided a vase for all of the Pioneer staff veterans.
- Students in Mrs. Charmae Cottom's English and speech classes worked on the Voice of Democracy contest speech. The subject of this year's speech was honoring veterans.
- Hospitality students sold yellow ribbons with proceeds going to support the Honor Flight.
- Students in Mr. John Yohe's chemistry class observed a Red, White and Blue Demo, in which Mr. Yohe began with a colorless solution which poured into three beakers turned red, white and blue.
- Students in Mr. Doug Zimmerman's Carpentry Lab shared stories about veteran family members and friends.
- At Shelby Middle School, Mrs. Gwen Schwemley's Family and Consumer Science class wrote 140 Christmas cards to be sent to military personnel serving overseas as well as decorating a symbolic chain to honor those served and who have served.
- Students in Mrs. Shelly Ackley's English classes wrote Christmas cards which will be shared at the Red Cross in Mansfield.
- Mr. Darren Jackson's English classes read excerpts from *Glory Denied: The Vietnam Saga of James Thompson* and *When Hell Was in Session: The POW Story of Admiral Jeremiah Denton, Jr.* Students also viewed *Letters Home from Vietnam*.
- Former Pioneer Welding student Justese Parsell is an E-2 with the Ohio Army National Guard stationed out of Coshocton, Ohio. He was able to speak to Bucyrus students on Veterans' Day about his experiences in basic training at Ft. Benning Army base in Georgia.
- Mrs. Bobbie Eggeman's English students wrote thank you letters to local veterans expressing their gratitude.
- Pioneer's veterans were honored:
  - Terri Crain**, Health Assistant Instructor
  - Dan Dornbirer**, Guidance Counselor
  - Bob Dow**, Substitute Custodian
  - Jason Fortman**, Food Service Supervisor
  - Rob Flannery**, Industrial Electricity Instructor
  - Gene Predieri**, Substitute Custodian
  - Stephen Raphael**, Science Instructor
  - Dawn Roberts**, MedTech Instructor
  - Jim Smith**, Social Studies Instructor
  - Doug Theaker**, Board member
  - Thomas Showman, Board member