



# Pioneer Career and Technology Center

## *Veterans' Day Activities*

2012

### Activities at Pioneer:

- Government students participated in a presentation by the Army National Guard on personal service background and a focus on honoring patriotism as well as a moving tribute to soldiers in all wars. Other activities in government classes included signing a "thank you" poster, observing a flag folding demonstration and learning how to properly handle the American flag, and investigating Public Law 94-344, the Federal Flag Code. Additionally, students learned about the history of Veteran's Day, which pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. Students were advised of the difference between Veteran's Day and Memorial Day, which focuses on American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Many students viewed videos and engaged in writing activities honoring veterans.
- Students from the Media Program made poster-style calendars for 2013 and distributed more than 1500 calendars to area veteran organizations. Students also created a video presentation of Pioneer students thanking Veterans which they provided on a DVD to the organizations.
- Students in the 60s classes heard a moving presentation by Pioneer Guidance Counselor Rick Frary focused on his tour in Vietnam and the sacrifices our veterans make for our safety.
- Letters of gratitude were written by Mrs. Fiske's English students and shared with veterans at the Bucyrus Legion Veteran's Day breakfast on Sunday. Students in her Skills for Living class also made posters of lyrics to patriotic songs for the breakfast.
- Pioneer's veterans were honored:
  - Jason Fortman**, Food Service Supervisor, US Air Force, 1993-1997
  - Rick Frary**, Guidance Counselor, US Army, 1970-1972
  - Mike Gouge**, Criminal Justice Instructor, US Marines, 1984-1990
  - Bill Kucic**, Meat Processing Instructor, US Navy, 1966-1968
  - Jeff Merickel**, Attendance Coordinator, US Navy, 1964-1976
  - Gene Predieri**, Maintenance, US Air Force, 1960-1964
  - Stephen Raphael**, Science Instructor, US Navy, 1999-2004
  - Dawn Roberts**, MedTech Instructor, Air National Guard, 1991-present
  - Jim Smith**, CBI Instructor, US Army National Guard, 1988-1995