

## Suggested Websites: Building Community: Schools – Students – Veterans

### Teaching Vietnam/Community in the Classroom

<http://teachingvietnam.net> (or <http://lindypoling.com>) (Contact: Lindy Poling- [lgpoling@juno.com](mailto:lgpoling@juno.com))

- Valuable lesson plans/teaching resources, publications, student essays, and links relating to my **Community in the Classroom** program, as well as my *Lessons of Vietnam* course at Millbrook High School in Raleigh, North Carolina. Over 35 issues of **BRIDGES–The Lessons of Vietnam** Newsletter publications are accessible on this site. In addition, you will find information about the **Hometown Heroes Service Learning Project**, as well as a *timely news blog*.

### VVMF's HOMETOWN HEROES SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT (2014)

<http://www.vvmf.org/hometown-heroes>

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- Through four separate lesson plans, students have an opportunity to learn about local veterans who served and sacrificed in Vietnam, as well as other military conflicts, and preserve their stories for generations to come. Each of the four carefully detailed lesson plans can serve as a blueprint for involving veterans in their local schools and communities.

### Veterans History Project Website: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

- **Biographical Data Sheet:** <http://www.loc.gov/vets/pdf/biodata-fieldkit-2007.pdf>
- **Interview Tips and Guidelines:** <http://www.loc.gov/vets/moreresources.html#tips>
- **Suggested Questions:** <http://www.loc.gov/vets/vetquestions.html>
- **Background Resources:** <http://www.loc.gov/vets/youth-resources.html>
- **Hosting Community Events:** <http://www.loc.gov/vets/Communityevents.html>

### Veterans Education Project: <http://vetsed.org/> (Contact: Rob Wilson- [vep@crocker.com](mailto:vep@crocker.com) )

- The Veterans Education Project (VEP), founded in 1982 by Vietnam veterans, is an independent non-profit organization based in Amherst, MA. VEP trains and supports local military veterans to share their personal stories of war and homecoming in Western New England schools and public venues. We have about 35 volunteers of varying age and military era, from WW II through Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq & Afghanistan.
- VEP stories show firsthand the realities and human costs of war, and share strategies and resources for veterans returning to civilian life. By sharing their experiences, our veteran speakers gain an authentic connection with our community, provide a bridge between civilian and military worlds, and help us to heal the emotional wounds of war.
- VEP also sponsors Military Families Connect, an ongoing peer group for local military family members with loved ones deployed overseas or home from the war. Some members of the family group also share their experiences to educate the public about the deployment-related challenges many military families face.
- **Mission Statement**  
*Veterans sharing personal stories that illustrate the realities of violence and deglorify war, in order to promote critical thinking, dialogue and healing in our schools and communities.*

### Newnan High School (GA) History Department: (Contact: Steve Quesinberry)

<http://www.cowetaschools.org/nhs/quesinberry/ssweb/>

- Terrific Student-Vet-Connect Program! Local community leaders have come into the classrooms frequently over the years and numerous local Veterans participate in our Vietnam War and World War II classes. Local veterans from all eras are hosted for history classes at the end of each term. We are always looking for ways to "bring our subjects to life..."

**HISTORY™ Channel's "Take a Veteran to School Day" website:**

- [http://www.history.com/images/media/interactives/take-a-vet/TAV\\_How\\_to\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.history.com/images/media/interactives/take-a-vet/TAV_How_to_Guide.pdf)  
This detailed "How-To" guide gives suggestions for organizing a *Take a Veteran to School Day* event. It provides a sample agenda, additional activities and projects, and many excellent web resources. On this site, you will also find guidelines for interviewing veterans.

**Additional HISTORY™ Channel Recommended Websites:**

- **True Story of Veterans Day Study Guide**  
[http://www.history.com/images/media/interactives/veteransday\\_study2008.pdf](http://www.history.com/images/media/interactives/veteransday_study2008.pdf)
- **Our Veterans—Sharing Their Stories Website**  
<http://www.history.com/images/media/pdf/OurVeteransOurStories.pdf>

**American Legion website:** <http://www.legion.org/documents/pdf/veterans.pdf>

*America's Veterans* is a 23-minute video program for students of American History.

**Department of Defense official web page:** [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil)

This site has information about the armed services and veterans.

**Disabled Veterans of America:** [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)

This site is dedicated to veterans with disabilities by providing long-standing support and advocacy.

**National Coalition for Homeless Veterans website:** <http://nchv.org/index.php/about/>

This site serves as a resource and technical assistance center for a national network of community-based service providers and support for hundreds of thousands of homeless veterans.

**The Digital Clubhouse Network Stories of Service Project:** [www.digiclub.org/sofs](http://www.digiclub.org/sofs)

This site displays digital stories produced by youth and shares tips about how to video-record veterans' histories.

**The Department of Veterans Affairs home page:** [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

This site has helpful links and volunteer suggestions.

**The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Day website:** <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website dedicated to the research and education on**

**Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and trauma:** <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

**Veterans of Foreign Wars website:**

[http://heroes.vfw.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Veterans\\_Day\\_2013\\_Tips](http://heroes.vfw.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Veterans_Day_2013_Tips)

This site gives excellent ideas for honoring our nation's veterans.

**Vietnam Women's Memorial website:** [www.VietnamWomensMemorial.org](http://www.VietnamWomensMemorial.org)

This site has a storytelling archive, calendar of events, and detailed information relating to the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

**Women in Military Service for America Memorial Educational Outreach Program website:**

<http://www.womensmemorial.org/Education/educ.html>

The Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery is the only major national memorial honoring women who have served in our nation's defense during all eras and in all services.