Barrett's Veterans Day Activities

November 2019 | Special Events Committee

Home School Connection

Poster Contest

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Theme: "Who Is An American?" or "What Is An American?"

Requirements: Entries completed by the child. All entries must include first and last name, homeroom and grade level.

Due Date: Thursday, October 31

Prizes:
Kindergarten – 4th Grade: $50.00
Grand Prize Winner: $100.00

Winners selected by the Steel Valley Veterans Day Committee

High School Veterans Day Program

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Who: Veterans, Distinguished Guests, Parents and Students of Steel Valley

Date: November 8, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: Steel Valley High School Auditorium

The SV High School Veterans Program will honor Veteran John Tichon, (continued on page 2)

Carnation and Poppy Sale

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Purchase a Carnation for a loved one who served or is currently on active duty, or to donate to a Veteran at the VA Hospital. Carnations cost $1.50. Profits will be shared with the Wounded Warriors Project (which works to change warriors' lives) and the Special Events Committee. Carnations are donated by Colasantes Flowers in the Park.
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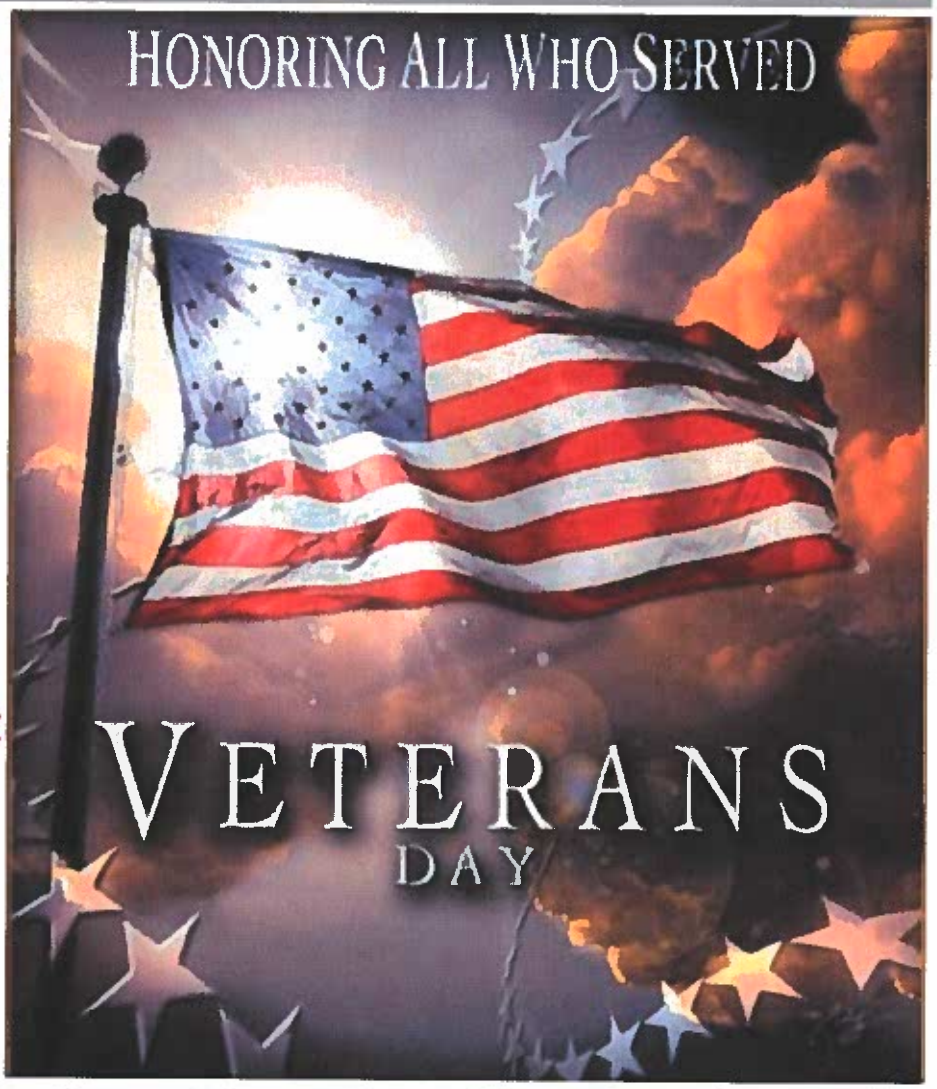

Soldiers & Sailors 4

Footlocker Outreach Program ..."Promoting learning in a fun and engaging way...educating students of all ages." A Soldiers & Sailors' Museum docent will be visiting Barrett Elementary on Monday, November 11, 2019 from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. Third and Fourth Grade will compare and contrast two American Conflicts focusing on a soldier's life and their experiences. Kindergarten, First and Second Grade will participate in a Show & Tell Footlocker Presentation where they can handle artifacts from the museum's collection. (continued on page 2)

To all of our military past and present
"Thank You For Keeping Us Safe!"

Author Visit

Honoring Dr. Robert Snyder

A 15-Year Army Veteran and Lifelong Teacher/Professor of Elementary Education

Early in September, Dr. Robert Snyder received the call. His troop is ready to be deployed on November 14, 2019. He will be reporting to duty at Barrett Elementary Mess Hall at Thirteen hundred hours or One o'clock. He will be responsible for training some new recruits just like his drill sergeant trained him when he was a young cadet. He will march into the gymnasium ready to gain the attention of students, parents, teachers, administrators and honored guests. He will put them at ease and will capture their imagination as he engages them in "learning about, appreciating and understanding the dedication and sacrifices our veterans make including the joys and hardships faced by all military veterans in peacetime and in war." He is prepared to be bombarded with a convoy of questions because he understands that society thinks, "Children will just automatically know what holidays such as Veterans Day and Memorial Day mean." He accepts the responsibility that it is part of his duty to advance their understanding of "why" they are honoring these brave men and women. Matter of fact, Dr. Snyder has "passionately made educating children about veterans his mission in life." He is the author of two children books. In What is A Veteran, Anyway? (2017 Notable Trade Book Winner), he draws on his own personal experience from his 15 years of service in the U.S. Army and his one tour in Baghdad, Iraq during the first year of the war. He tells a personal story about the life of a soldier under the extreme conditions of combat.

Why Did Daddy Have to Leave? is a story told from a child's point of view as they struggle with understanding how a parent who loves them chooses to leave them for an extended period of time. Dr. Snyder shares his insight in a timeless book, which was inspired by his own children, who were 6 and 8 years old, when he was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This book can serve as survival guide "to help children understand and cope with the temporary, but long-term absence of a parent serving our country in war or in peace time." Dr. Snyder actions as a veteran reminds us what it means to serve one's country as he donates a portion of the proceeds from his books to Slippery Rock University Veteran Service Dog Program. At the end of the assembly, there will be no casualties under Dr. Snyder's command. He has enlisted our help as new recruits and we are ready to attack with force and "empower others with insightful respect for our Veterans, past and present!" As Dr. Snyder prepares to leave Barrett Elementary and we retreat back to our garrisons we will be able to defend what it means to salute our military men and women with new intelligence. We will feel a sense of pride like being awarded the Purple Heart.

This program was made possible by a donation from the High School Veterans Day Committee.

Cards For Veterans: Take a few minutes to help your child understand the meaning of Veterans Day by working with them to design a homemade card to give to a Veteran. Cards are due by Friday, November 8th.

2 ...who served in the Marine Corps and as a Munhall Councilman. There will be musical selections by Middle School Chorus, High School Concert Choir and High School Band.

3 Poppies were created by Barrett Students to help us remember those who served and gave the greatest sacrifice their own life. Poppies cost 50 cents.
The tradition originated thanks to a World War 1 brigade surgeon. He was shocked to see the red flowers growing on a ravaged battlefield and wrote the poem, "In Flanders Field."

4 Footlocker Outreach Program Schedule:

- 8:30 – 9:00 - 1st Grade
- 9:02 – 9:44 - 4th Grade
- 9:46 – 10:26 – 3rd Grade
- 10:33 – 11:03 - Kindergarten
- 11:03 – 11:30 – 2nd Grade

This program was made possible by a grant provided by Soldiers and Sailors.

Honoring Steel Valley Family Members Who Served in the Military or Who Are on Active Duty

Student's Name _____

Service Member's Name _____

Branch of Service _____

Years of Service _____

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Branch of Service _____

Years of Service _____

Feel free to provide additional names attached on a separate sheet of paper and return information to your student's homeroom teacher no later than November 5th.

Poppy Order Form
October 25th – November 5th

Student's Name _____

Homeroom _____

Number of Poppies _____

Total Cost _____

Barrett's Special Events Committee

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Mrs. Dianne Furnival
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Always Remember.
Never Forget.
In Honor of Our Veterans
Barrett's Veterans Day Committee
Carnation Sale

October 25th – November 5

You may purchase a carnation to give to a friend or family member who served our country or may purchase a carnation to donate to a local Veteran at the VA Hospital.

The carnations will cost $1.50 each and will be distributed on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019 – the day of our Veteran's Day Program. The proceeds will be shared between the Barrett Bears Special Events Committee and the Wounded Warriors Fund.

Student's Name

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Homeroom _____

Number of Carnations for Family Members _____

Number of Carnations to be donated to VA _____

Total Cost _____

Cash Only With Order Form

Special Thanks to:
Dr. Robert Snyder
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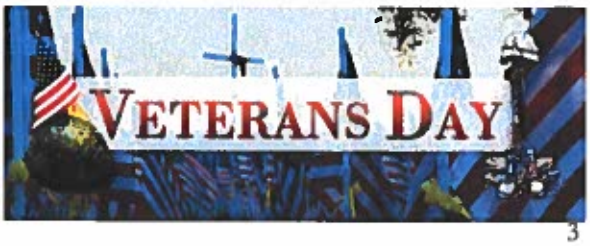


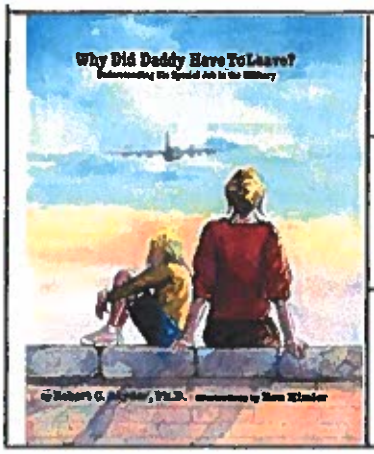
Author Visit: Book Order Form

Dr. Robert Snyder will be visiting our school on **Thursday, November 14th**. He is a former elementary teacher, current teacher educator at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, 15-year Army veteran with one tour of duty in Iraq and a recipient of the Bronze Star for his actions in Iraq. Our students will have the opportunity to attend his presentation on his children's books about military veterans and may purchase autographed copies of the books, including one that has received the 2017 Notable Trade Book for Young People Award by the National Council for the Social Studies and Children's Book Council. If interested, please return this form to the office by **Friday, November 8th** (cash or check, payable to "Robert Snyder Books, LLC"). *Summaries of the book content can be viewed at www.robertsnyderbooks.com.

Student first and last name_____

Classroom Teacher's Name_____ Room #_____

Quantity	Price Each	Total	Name(s) to be written in the message*
	Soft Cover $9.50	$	
	Hard Cover $19.00	$	



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	Soft Cover $9.50	$	
	Hard Cover $19.00	$	

*Indicate if this is for an adut or former veteran, if not for a child