

VETS SHARE WAR EXPERIENCES WITH STUDENTS



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On Thursday, as a precursor to today's 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, 30 veterans gathered with hundreds of Centennial High School students at Nampa's Warhawk Air Museum. The veterans took the opportunity to tell a younger generation about their efforts and students walked away with a better understanding of the sacrifices America's heroes made. **For a list of the veterans pictured above, see 5A**

Pearl Harbor 60th stirs memories

Veterans fascinate students at Nampa's Warhawk Museum

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NAMPA — The future met the past in Nampa on Thursday. A group of 30 veterans gathered with more than 360

Centennial High School students at Nampa's Warhawk Air Museum to mark the 60th anniversary of the strikes on Pearl Harbor. Pilots, soldiers, WAVES, radio operators, bombardiers — most now in their 80s — held the students in rapt attention as they told what it was really like to go to war when they were teens themselves.

The students were very

interested in life in the 1940s as told by those who lived it. They sat on the floor in small groups surrounding the vets, drinking in every word as they listened to real heroes.

The veterans responded by having a ball with the youngsters. Many said they enjoyed the experience and wanted to do more.

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History lesson

As Centennial High School students listened to veterans' stories on Thursday, they were taking part in "American Character," a combination history and English class. The goal is to let students have hands-on experiences with people and to help them learn as much as possible how things really were, teacher Tom Seifert said. The students will go back to class, develop a biography on each veteran they visited and bring the results back in booklet form to the Warhawk Air Museum.

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve is directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation." — George Washington