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Hampton Heroes 2018 Nominees Sought

Are you a Veteran of the U.S. Military? Do you know a veteran in our community?

Nominations now are open for the 2018 Hampton Heroes program, which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Hampton High School. If you live in Hampton, work in Hampton, are a graduate of Hampton High School or a relative of a current HTSD student, we urge you to complete the Hampton Heroes form, available on the HTSD website at ht-sd.org. Nominations are due no later than Oct. 5, 2018.

Since 2001, local Veterans who have completed and returned the form, are invited to be honored guests at a program at one of our schools on Veterans Day. About 200 Hampton men and women have been inducted as Hampton Heroes and recognized at the Veterans Day program.

From the information on the forms, mini-biographies are collected and reproduced in a spiral-bound booklet which each inductee receives. The stories and photos veterans (both combat and non-combat) share through the booklet, teach Hampton students valuable lessons about service, duty, and sacrifice.

In addition to inducting veterans into our Hampton Heroes program, the District also is participating in Operation Recognition, a program that authorizes school districts to grant high school diplomas to veterans who missed their own graduations while in service to their country. During times of war, many enlisted and were serving their country, while their classmates were marching in commencement ceremonies back home. Now, those veterans are being given a second chance to earn their diplomas through Operation Recognition, the program initially was authorized by the Pennsylvania Legislature under Act 14 of 1949 to allow World War I veterans to be awarded diplomas, and later amended to include veterans of WWII, Vietnam and Korea.

Veterans who qualify for Operation Recognition can receive their HTSD diplomas as part of the 2018 Hampton Heroes program. Learn more on the HTSD website under Community/Hampton Heroes.

Hampton Township School District works collaboratively with the community to support all children in becoming creative and innovative problem-solvers and communicators. The District maintains high expectations by furthering our Tradition of Excellence as our students develop the knowledge, character and integrity to impact the world.