



World War II veteran Ken Miller looks on as Townsend Junior High student Luke Strong (right) tries on a gas mask. Miller is the father of Townsend instructional aide Sharon Krolikowski.

Military veterans tell their stories to Townsend students

Townsend Junior High School students heard about history on Sept. 30 from the people who lived it.

Military veterans of various ages and branches of service spent the day being interviewed by Townsend's seventh- and eighth-grade students for an essay contest sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Chino Hills, a local service club.

Townsend's Civics Literacy class presented the veterans with gifts of potted succulents that they grew in the school garden. Townsend's Parent Teacher Student Council members prepared a luncheon for the guests.

During the Veterans Interview Day program, Vietnamese refugee Rick Bui thanked the Vietnam veterans for their part in his quest for freedom.

Two students got to hear their grandfathers speak of their service, and students also heard from Townsend history teacher and veteran Ryan Brown.

“It was a wonderful day of cross-generational sharing and learning,” said Townsend history teacher Jodie Noblett who organizes the event each year.



Townsend Assistant Principal Corinna Hathuc (left) and students listen to World War II veteran Wilbur Richardson discuss his service.

(See more photos below)



Students Eric Kim (left) and Tyler Beattie examine a World War II-era gas mask.



Vietnam War veteran Ronnie Guyer (left) speaks to students as his granddaughter Madison Guyer takes notes. Also pictured are Kate Keehan, Frannie Lovato, and Luisa Reza.



Seventh-grade history teacher Ryan Brown tells students his adventures in military boot camp.



Student Denver Ruiz tries on a World War II-era helmet.



Townsend student Chloe Savage with her father and grandfather, both military veterans.



Civic Literacy students hold the potted succulents they grew in the Townsend Garden with teacher Jennifer Orr. The plants were presented to the veterans. Pictured are: (from left) Sean Ainilian, Chandler Carthan, Angelia Esguerra, Bella Fuentes, Jonah Train, Emily Krueger, Vivienne Moreno, Aunika Figueroa, Christopher Holman, Robert Cortez, and Yessenia Becerril.



Guests of Townsend Junior High's annual Veterans Interview Day have their photo taken in the school media center on Sept. 30.