

PHS Veterans Day 2020 Virtual Program Transcript

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[Graphic with words]: Veterans Day and PHS logo

PHS Principal Jim Condon: “Hi PHS, ordinarily we would be gathered in the varsity gymnasium for a school wide assembly with several of our local veterans amongst us, but that isn't possible this year due to COVID-19. So instead with the help of several student leaders and a few staff members we are replacing our annual convocation with a short video. But before you watch that video here is a couple things for you to know. Number one, did you know that Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day? Number 2, did you know that Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day in the aftermath of World War II in dedication to the Veterans of all wars. It's my hope that each of you take a moment today to say thank you to a veteran. We are most certainly thankful for the sacrifices our veterans have made for us. Many of our veterans of course made the ultimate sacrifice, so that you and I could live a life of freedom. I guess you could say, the choice was theirs. To make the lives of their fellow Americans a better one. They certainly made that choice. Thank you again to all veterans.”

Washington Discovery Academy students say, “Thank you for your service.”

Lt. Commander Thomas Flynn a PHS graduate and son of Mrs. Kelsey Flynn says, “Hi, Lieutenant Commander Tom Flynn here coming to you from NAS Fallon, Nevada, during portable workups for my next deployment. I graduated PHS, in 2006. Then the United States Naval academy in 2010. Went to flight school after that and then joined my first strike flyer squad in flying FA 18 super hornet in 2013. Been a part of two combat cruises getting ready for my third combat cruise. The first combat cruise was doing operation inherent resolve in Iraq and Syria. Fighting ISIS. Fairly successful deployment, work with a lot of U.S. Navy Seals on the ground there, and partner forces from around the world. Just got back from my second combat cruise doing operation freedom's sentinel in Afghanistan.. Kind of shut down that war a little bit, and the drawback in Afghanistan, I got to see that which is interesting. We've been in Afghanistan since most before most of you were born, since 2001. So a privilege to be

part of that and to kind of usher in a new era of peace in Afghanistan. We'll see how long that lasts. It took me a while to come up with this video, because I didn't really know what I wanted to say about being a veteran in the United States. I don't really think of myself as a veteran. When I think of veterans I think of WWII vets, Korean vets like my grandfather, Vietnam Vets, Gulf War vets like my uncle, so it's hard to think of myself as a veteran. So, I guess what I wanted to talk about, or what I wanted to say was that I think that a lot of people... They don't overlook it, but they don't always think about the sacrifice that the family makes, of the veteran or the service member. So I'm assuming my mother is watching this, to my family to my mother, thank you, for all the love and support. To everybody in Plymouth who is always proud to see me and asks me what I'm doing, or what I'm up to - thank you for your love and support. To my wife to be, thank you for your love and support. I think being someone who gets left at home is oftentimes as hard as, if not harder, than the person that goes away. When I'm deployed, I'm not always in immediate danger, but my family doesn't know that, so uh thank you."

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[Graphic says A message from the PHS Class Officers]

Drew Harrell PHS Class Officer says, “

As we are in unprecedented times, the student government at the high school has worked along with administrators across the school corporation to come up with an alternative to our typical program and breakfast to honor veterans on Veteran's Day. That alternative that we came up with was a short video about what it means to be a veteran and just kind of honoring our veterans around our area. We'd like to thank Lt. Commander Thomas Flynn, Mrs. Flynn's son, for assisting us in the creation of this video and on behalf of the PHS class officers, we encourage you to go out and thank a veteran this Veterans Day.

Unidentified PHS student says, “Thank you.”

Two unidentified PHS students say, “Thank you.”

Unidentified PHS student says, “Thank you.”

Weidner School of Inquiry @ PHS teacher John Johnon says, “Thank you.”

LT. Commander Thomas Flynn says, “And thank you to all the families of all the veterans and service members past, present, and future. Thank You.

[Graphic with words]: Thank you veterans! Today and every single day we salute you for the sacrifice

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Thank you, to everyone who contributed to the video in your own unique ways. More importantly thank you to all veterans who see this video, your sacrifice, servitude, and patriotism is unmatched. We are beyond thankful for all of you.

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