

# Coventry Board of Education

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The Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School (CNH) in Coventry was invited to attend the Red, White, and Blue Service Ceremony held at the First Congregational Church in Litchfield, Connecticut on May 23. This year's focus was to recognize the veterans of the Vietnam War. One of the program highlights was to trace the story of the Connecticut Vietnam Veterans Memorial erected in Coventry, Connecticut. Retired Challenge and Enrichment CNH teacher, Mr. Thomas Dzicek, retold the story of the "612" project which started at the school. The book 612 was written by students in Grades 6 through 8 which highlighted interviews of family and friends of all 612 Connecticut Vietnam veterans who sacrificed their life in the line of duty. This project inspired Coventry resident, Jean Risley and sparked the creation of the Connecticut Vietnam Veterans Memorial. At the conclusion of the program, representatives of the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School, Grade 6 teacher Patti Wilson, and secretary, Ann Lang, were on hand to share the 612 book, pictures, and a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the students' interactions in the classroom and with veterans' families.

For more information, you may call Mrs. Patti Wilson at the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School at 860-742-7334, Ext. 387.