

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1993 University of West Georgia
M.Ed in History Education

1992 Georgia State University
MS in Exercise Physiology

1985 Asbury College
BS in Physical Education and History

Employment

1985- Present: Newnan High School, Coweta County School System
1990 History and Social Studies Department Chair
Primary teaching focus: World History (Advanced/General Levels) Vietnam War (Advanced)
Taught and supervised online classes

2007- Present: Brewton-Parker College, Newnan Campus
Primary teaching focus: World History/Civilizations

Recognition/Accomplishments

Voted Teacher of the Year at Newnan High School, 1995, 1998 and 2009. School system finalist in 2009.

1998: State of Georgia Teaching with Technology Award

2000: Mike Patton's Excellence in Teaching Award

2001-2002: Georgia VFW Teaching Citizenship Award

2003: Attended the inaugural *Teach Vietnam* event hosted by VVMF.

2004-2005: Channel 11 Class Act Award

2006: Selected by the Rotary Club to represent them in Vietnam in their Travel Abroad Program.

2007: DAR Outstanding Teacher of American History

2010: Newnan Citizen of the Year Nominee

2010: Member of the Coweta Commission on Veterans Affairs.

2011: As a member of the CCVA, did the paperwork and made the contacts to bring the "Wall that Heals" to Newnan. As part of that project I contacted the families of all Vietnam War KIA's in the county and posted the photographs on VVMF's Virtual Wall. I also arranged for groups from every school in the county to visit the wall and be given a tour by a Vietnam veteran.

2013-Present: Started and sponsored the NHS History Club. It has been the largest high school history club in the country for the last four years.

2014-2016: Board member at the Newnan-Coweta Historical Society

2014: Went to Washington DC at behest of the VVMF to promote the *Hometown Heroes Service Learning Curriculum*.

2014: NHS History Department the first school group in Georgia to become a Commemorative Partner for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War in conjunction with the Department of Defense.

2015: Collaborated with the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation to land a Huey and a Cobra Helicopter on our football field for an interdisciplinary project between science and history classes.

2015: Began collaborating with the Georgia Department of Veterans Service to award a Certificate of Honor to every Vietnam veteran in the state of Georgia.

2016: Governor's Award for Arts and Humanities Recipient

Competencies and Interests

In 2003 I started an elective class called the Vietnam War based on the Lessons of Vietnam Class taught by Lindy Poling in North Carolina. Through that class I bring numerous veterans and participants into the classroom to interact with students and allow the students to see that conflict through the eyes of the people that were involved. I am presently researching and writing a book on the Vietnam War and this area of Georgia with a focus on the young men that died in that conflict from Coweta county. The idea that launched me into the work with veterans was the idea for a program that just celebrated its 20th anniversary in May, 2015. We call it today Student-Vet Connect. On that day at the end of each semester we host 70-100 local veterans that set up at tables with memorabilia of their service and talk to our students about their involvement in the military. This connection between what they have been learning in class and real people has in impact on students that cannot be matched in a regular classroom.

Personal Interests

History, Reading, Fishing, Family

References available upon request.