

Kansas Distance Learning Week Event Schedule

Monday November 10, 2008	Tuesday November 11, 2008	Wednesday November 12, 2008	Thursday November 13, 2008	Friday November 14, 2008
Session: Civil War Veterans & Kansas A Civil War re-enactor will describe the effects Civil War veterans had on the settling of Kansas communities after the war. Historical artifacts and replicas from the time period will also be displayed and explained. Time: 8:45-9:45 AM Sending Site: Smoky Hill	Session: Patriotism is a Family Affair Dale "Doc" Lairmore joined the Army Air Corps and served overseas for nearly 3 years in WWII. Hedy, his wife of 60 years, was inspired by a WWII newscast to get medical training and care for soldiers returning home. Doc & Hedy's story, along with others, demonstrates the deep commitment our families have to preserving America's freedom. A mixture of pre-recorded and live accounts will encourage questions and allow the featured speakers to elaborate on their service experiences. The session will be moderated by District VFW Commander Jim Langley, a veteran of Iraqi Freedom. Time: 8:45-9:45 AM Sending Site: Hugoton HS	Session: Walt Foster—Island Hopping Mr. Foster is a WWII veteran of the Pacific theater. He will give a multi-media presentation explaining his experiences while island hopping during the war with Japan in the Pacific Theater. Time: 8:45-9:45 AM Sending Site: A Plus Network-Greensburg	Session: Fort Riley Troops Six soldiers from Fort Riley who have served in either Afghanistan or Iraq will discuss their experiences in a question and answer session. Time: 8:45-9:45 AM Sending Site: Ft. Riley B35	Session: National World War II Museum Students will explore the WWII contributions of an often-overlooked group—American Indians. The program begins with a brief history of American Indian participation in the U.S. military, looks at the struggles of American Indians to maintain their cultures over time, and challenges students to confront some common stereotypes. Students listen to American Indian oral histories of WWII veterans, decipher "Navajo code," and analyze a poem honoring the American Indian spirit that helped the Allies win the war. Time: 9:30-10:30 AM Sending Site: Nat'l WWII Museum in New Orleans
Session: Kansas Family, Global Events: One Family's Experiences from WWII to the End of the Cold War and Beyond. Learn about the experiences of American and German families on different sides of the Atlantic and different sides of WWII. Discover how events led them to become family members and friends. Time: 10:00-11:00 AM Sending Site: Smoky Hill	Session: WWII Pacific Theater Medical Worker Because of the concern about putting female nurses near frontline fighting, many of the medical personnel in the Pacific Theater during WWII were men. One of the first male nurses will share his WWII experiences as a medical care giver in the Pacific Theater. Time: 9:50-10:30 AM Sending Site: Pacific War Museum	Session: Bob Salm—Historic Forts, Facilities, and Military Institutions in Kansas Mr. Salm will describe the role that Kansas military facilities have played during pioneer days, WWI, WWII, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and the war on terror. Time: 10:00-11:00 AM Sending Site: A Plus Network Greensburg	Session: Kansas Veterans Read to Students In this session, Kansas veterans will read their favorite stories to participating students. Library personnel will also offer tips to parents and teachers about how to appropriately select books for children to foster a lifelong love of reading. Time: 10:00-11:00 AM Sending Site: Manhattan Public Library	
Session: Letters from the Frontline Letters between soldiers and their loved ones form a natural library of first person and eyewitness accounts of war. Ann Lundy shares letters written home during WWII. Two of her uncles served—one island hopping in the Pacific as a member of the motor pool, the other in the European Theater. The eyewitness accounts continue as she shares letters from the Korean War as one uncle details in a letter that he would not be captured by the North Koreans. Letters from Vietnam are shared as Ann and her husband of eleven months are separated by war. The format changes to email as she shares messages from her nephew Michael while he was stationed in Iraq. Time: 1:00-2:00 PM Sending Site: SC KS DLN	Session: Douglass Veterans' Day Program The Sisk Middle School Veterans' Day program is an annual event. Not only does this program honor military personnel, following the events of 9/11/01, the program was expanded to include service personnel; firefighters, police, EMT, Red Cross, etc. Since that time it has been known as "Heroes of the Heartland". This program works to involve both the school and community. Sisk Middle School and the community of Douglass look forward to this time to come together in remembrance and respect for the sacrifice that these "Heroes of the Heartland" have made and continue to make in order to keep our homeland secure. Time: 1:00-2:00 PM Sending Site: Douglass H.S.		Session: Helicopter Medical Evacuation—Unarmed and Unafraid Steve Vermillion, at age 20, served as an Aircraft Commander of an unarmed Dustoff (medevac) Helicopter in Vietnam during 1969. He flew 1,127 hours of combat time which comprised 1,450 missions. Steve and his various crewmembers accounted for the rescue of 2,210 soldiers. Steve will take participants through a brief history of helicopter medical evacuation, his experiences in Vietnam, and then a presentation on one selected mission that ultimately earned the crewmembers the Silver Star. Time: 1:00-2:00 PM Sending Site: Pacific Lutheran University	

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Session: The Draft During this presentation students will learn about the history of conscription from the Civil War to today through primary source documents. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a mock draft activity. Note: Materials will be provided to participating sites for this session. Grade levels 8-12 Time: 2:15-3:15 PM Sending Site: National Archives/PSU Metro Ctr Lenexa.	Session: Honor Flight KS The Honor Flight organization flew 100 WWII veterans from the Hays, Plainville, Palco and Natoma areas to Washington to see the memorial that helps symbolize the "Greatest Generation". Students accompanied them. They visited the Mall, where they met Jerry Moran and Bob Dole for lunch before heading to the memorial. During this presentation students who were paired with veterans will show pictures of the trip and share some of the stories. For veterans' stories visit: http://www.hdnews.net/www/voices/index.html . For pictures go to: http://srbphoto.zenfolio.com/p108065840 For the Memorial visit: http://www.jewelofthemail.com/ Time: 2:15-3:15 PM Sending Site: Palco B I-CAN Network	Session: Vietnam Swift Boats & the 2004 Presidential Election Jerry Leeds, Leading Petty Officer of PCF-23 (Patrol Craft Fast), known as a Swift Boat, will discuss how Swift Boats were used in the Vietnam War. In addition, he will address how Swift Boats and John Kerry's Silver Star for valor became controversial issues in the 2004 presidential election. Time: 2:15-3:15 PM Sending Site: Girard H.S.	Session: Veterans' Day Exhibit & Stories Veterans' Day has special meaning to many around the country. Northwest Kansas is no exception. Area sites, exhibits, and interviews with veterans will be featured during this session. Presently, virtual tours of the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at WaKeeney, Veterans' Park in Oakley, and other veterans' memorials will be featured as well as time for questions and answers with veterans. Local students will also add a musical touch to our day. Time: 2:15-3:15 PM Sending Site: TBD-NKESC	

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Registration deadline for participating schools outside the state of Kansas is October 23rd.

Registration deadline for participating Kansas schools is October 30th.

For more information about scheduling an interactive session, contact your local Interactive Distance Learning Network or Public Library.

Sessions will also be available for viewing via web stream at the following address:
<http://tv.greenbush.us/>. Click on "IDL Live video stream" at the top right of the page. It is recommended that people test the site to make sure they have the right software prior to the session.

To view examples from the Spring 2008 Kansas Distance Learning Week sessions, please visit this site: http://collaboration.greatplains.net/wiki/index.php/Lessons_from_Greensburg

For more information about KAIDE and Kansas Distance Learning Week visit
<http://www.kan-ed.org/KAIDE/headlines.htm>

For an interactive map to explore Kansas museums with exhibits that relate to the Kansas Distance Learning Week theme, visit <http://www.kan-ed.org/KAIDE/headlines.htm>

Disclaimer: Kansas Distance Learning Week participants should be aware that they may be seen and heard by viewers at other sites via interactive video and/or web streaming. Any participant who does not want to be seen must remain out of camera view at all times. In addition, all Kansas Distance Learning Week sessions will be recorded and archived. KAIDE and its members reserve the right to use recorded material.