

The background of the entire image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a wavy pattern.

Susquehanna Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
presents

**2024 Veterans Day
Poster & Essay Contest**

“I couldn’t imagine how nervous he must have been on that day, knowing he would be met with heavy resistance the second he stepped off of the ship. If I were in his shoes, I would have been in panicky fits, thinking about what would happen once the boat landed.”

Matthew Ohler

12th Grade

The John Carroll School

1st Place Essay “Remembering D-Day”



Raelyn Roberts
K-2
Edgewood Elementary



“I, an eighteen-year-old man, gathered my courage to face the enemy. Motivated by the love of my country, the United States of America, I fought my fears and prepared for the worst.

Veronika Koncewicz

7th Grade

Havre de Grace Middle School

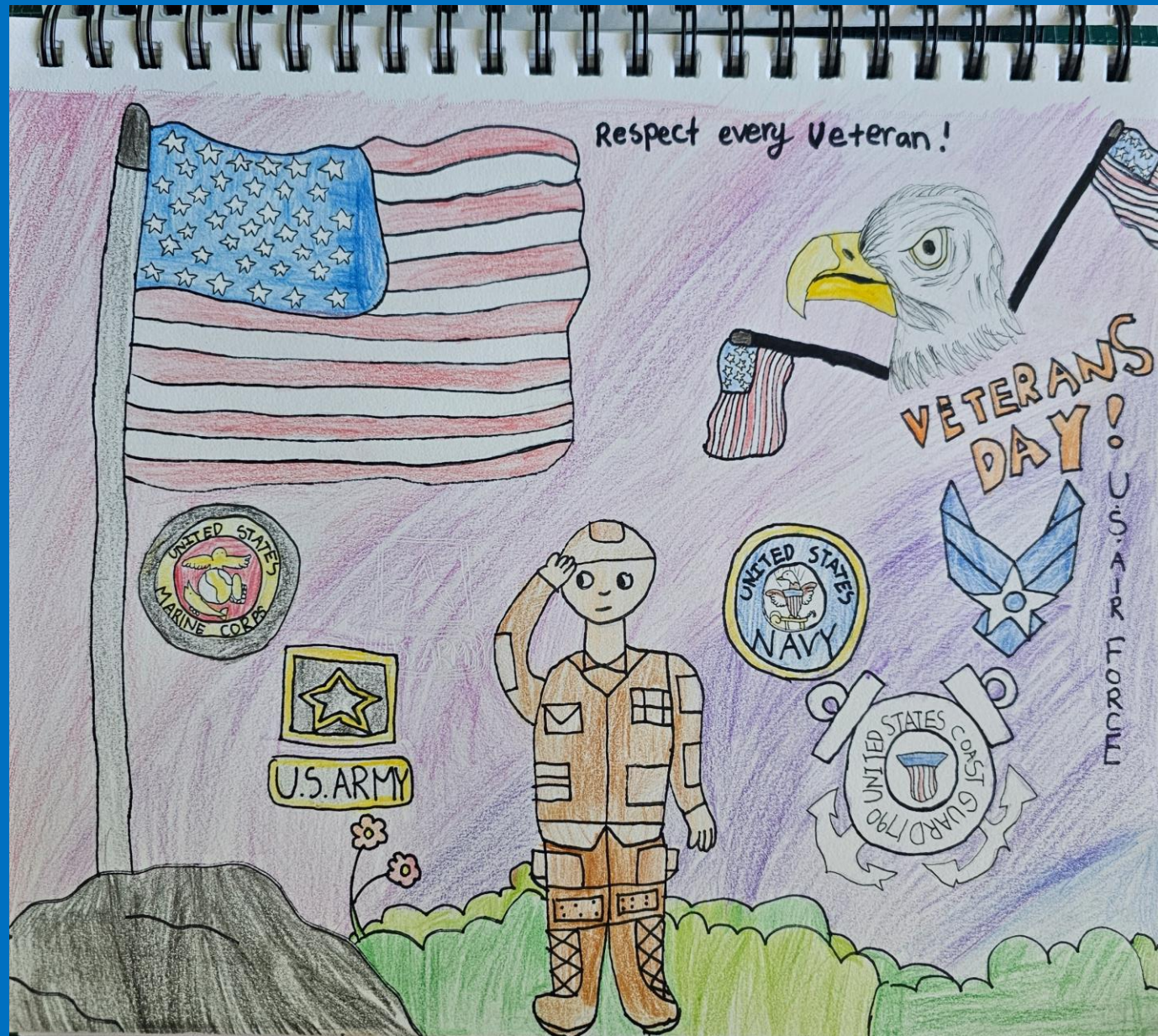
1st Place Essay “The First Wave”



Hardy Liu

3-5

Ring Factory Elementary School



“Such fighting and bloodshed must be terrifying to be amidst, yet these soldiers completed their duties or died trying. Such resilience, levelheadedness, and grim resolve to fight for our country, despite the probable cost of their lives, shows incredible courage and strength of character.”

Ava Montalvo

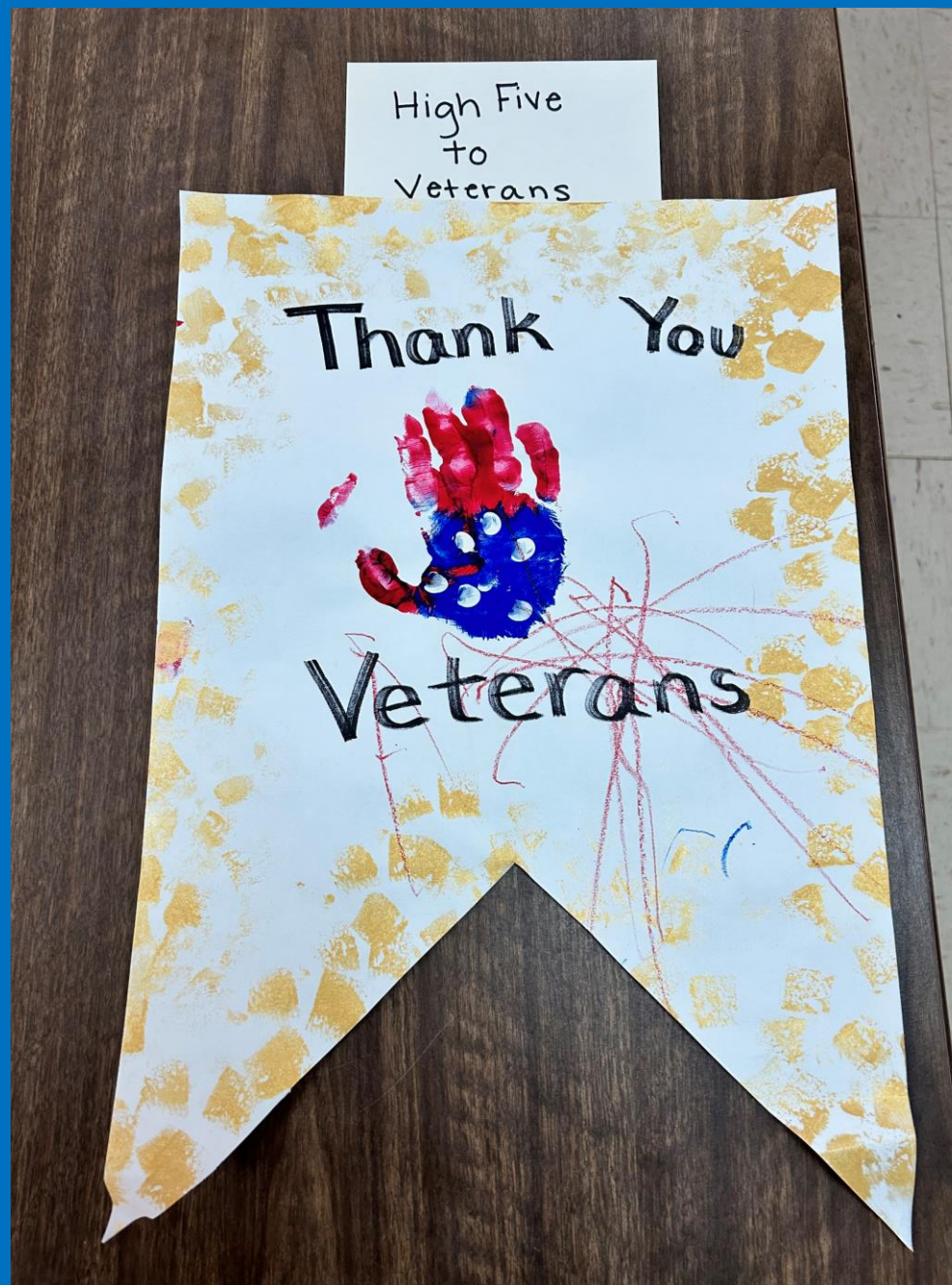
9th Grade

The John Carroll School

2d Place Essay “A Conversation With a D-Day Veteran”



Olive McCann
K-2
Harford Academy




“Today’s the kind of day that brings memories to the surface – especially the one of my comrades and the experiences we shared. Some moments stick with you, laughter and hardships. Sometimes a certain sound or smell can take me right back to those days. It reminds me of what we fought for and the friendships that helped us through the toughest times.”

Bryelle-Marie Jace Gonzales
9th Grade
Joppatowne High School
3d Place Essay “The Conversation”



  Thank you for

 your commitment.



Lily McKisset
3-5
Harford Academy

“It amazes me how competent and capable these soldiers, who were not much older than I am today, were in high-stress situations.”

**Matthew Ohler
12th Grade
The John Carroll School
1st Place Essay “Remembering D-Day”**



We fly the U.S. flag to honor you!



Thank you Coast Guard!



Thank you Air Force!



Thank you Army!



Thank you Navy!



Thank you Marines!

Thank You
Soldiers!



**VETERANS
DAY**

Veterans Day is an official holiday, celebrated on November 11th each year, to honor those who have served in the U.S. military.



Mila Sluss
6-8 Grade
Harford Academy

“I realized the enormous amount of bravery that all soldiers possess. It is important that all of us Americans remember this day. Not just on Veteran’s Day, but year-round. Remember to thank veterans for their bravery and sacrifice each and every day.”

Veronika Koncewicz

7th Grade

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1st Place Essay “The First Wave”



Chase Crowell
9-12+
Harford Academy



“It is difficult to comprehend the amazing courage these people displayed during such an extraordinary struggle. . . . If anything, their exposure to such a traumatizing event must be a painful burden to bear, impossible to ever fully recover from. It is one thing to hear about a horrible battle and its tragic losses, and entirely another to experience it.”

Ava Montalvo

9th Grade

The John Carroll School

2d Place Essay “A Conversation with a D-Day Veteran”



Hayes Stock
K-2
Homestead Wakefield
Elementary School



“Ah, that’s a tough one. You know, the war put you in a lot of hard spots, but if I had to pick the hardest thing. . . It was seeing young men – sometimes just boys – lose their lives, and then having to keep going like nothing happened. You didn’t have time to grieve or even think too much about it. It was always “move forward, keep fighting.” But watching your friends fall, and knowing there was nothing you could do. . . That weighs on you.”

Bryelle-Marie Jace Gonzales
9th Grade
Joppatowne High School
3d Place Essay “The Conversation”



Grant Picard

3-5

Fountain Green Elementary School



“What did everyone do once the fighting stopped? Was everyone still on edge, anticipating a possible ambush? In high spirits, knowing the tide of the war was turning? Or filled with grief, realizing how many of their fellow servicemen gave up their lives during the battle?”

Matthew Ohler

12th Grade

The John Carroll School

1st Place Essay “Remembering D-Day”



Grayson Siford
K-2
Harford Academy



“I think these veterans would learn to live for all those who never got the chance and develop a strong sense of gratefulness for their lives, while simultaneously struggling to live them again as they did before.”

Ava Montalvo

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The John Carroll School

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Owen Stroh
3-5
Harford Academy



“These “boys” that departed into this war were either taking someone’s life or their life was taken from them, someone’s son, father, grandfather, cousin, uncle, was taking from someone special. The burden of knowing that someone will never come home just haunts me.”

Bryelle-Marie Jace Gonzalez

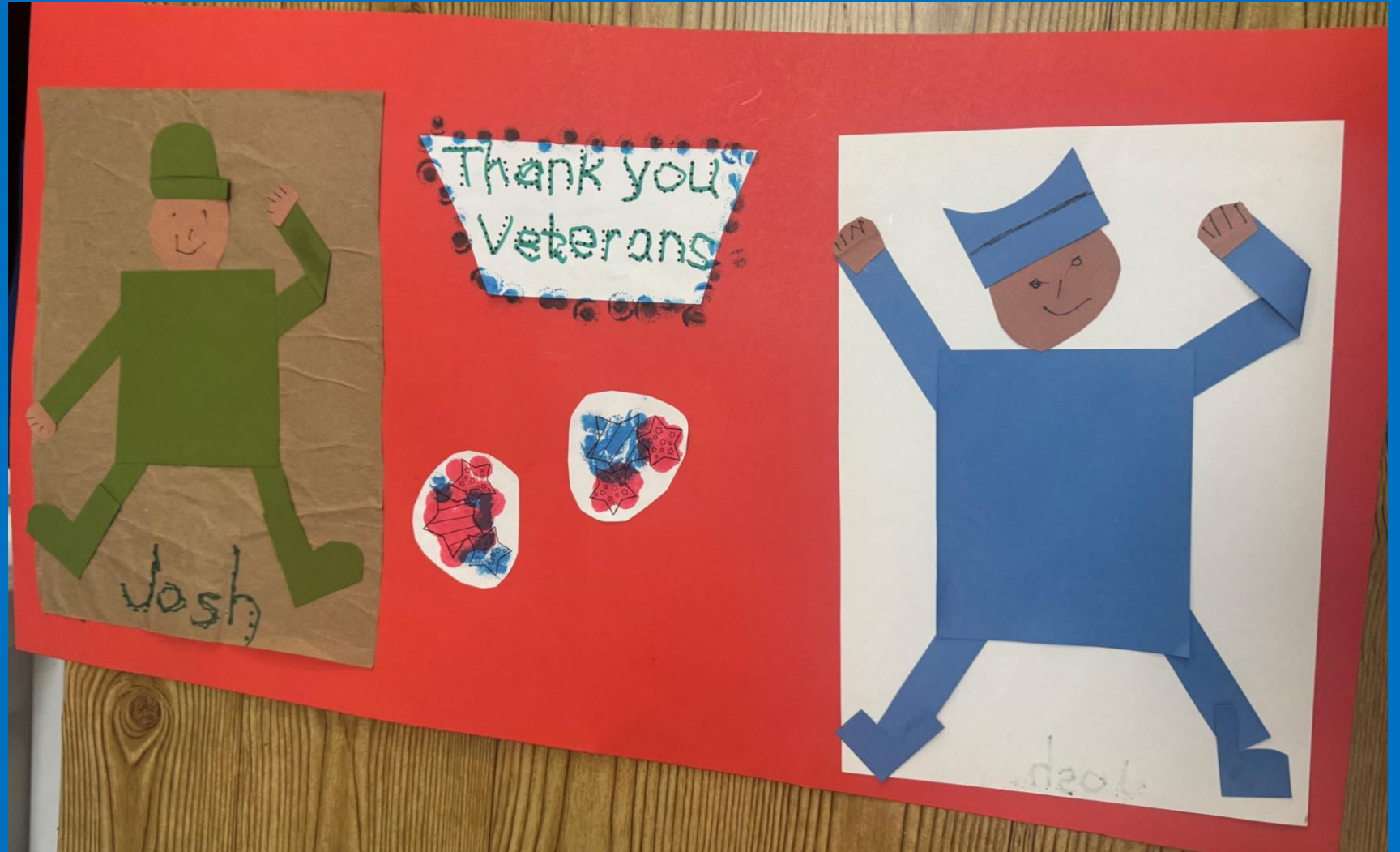
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Joshua Miller
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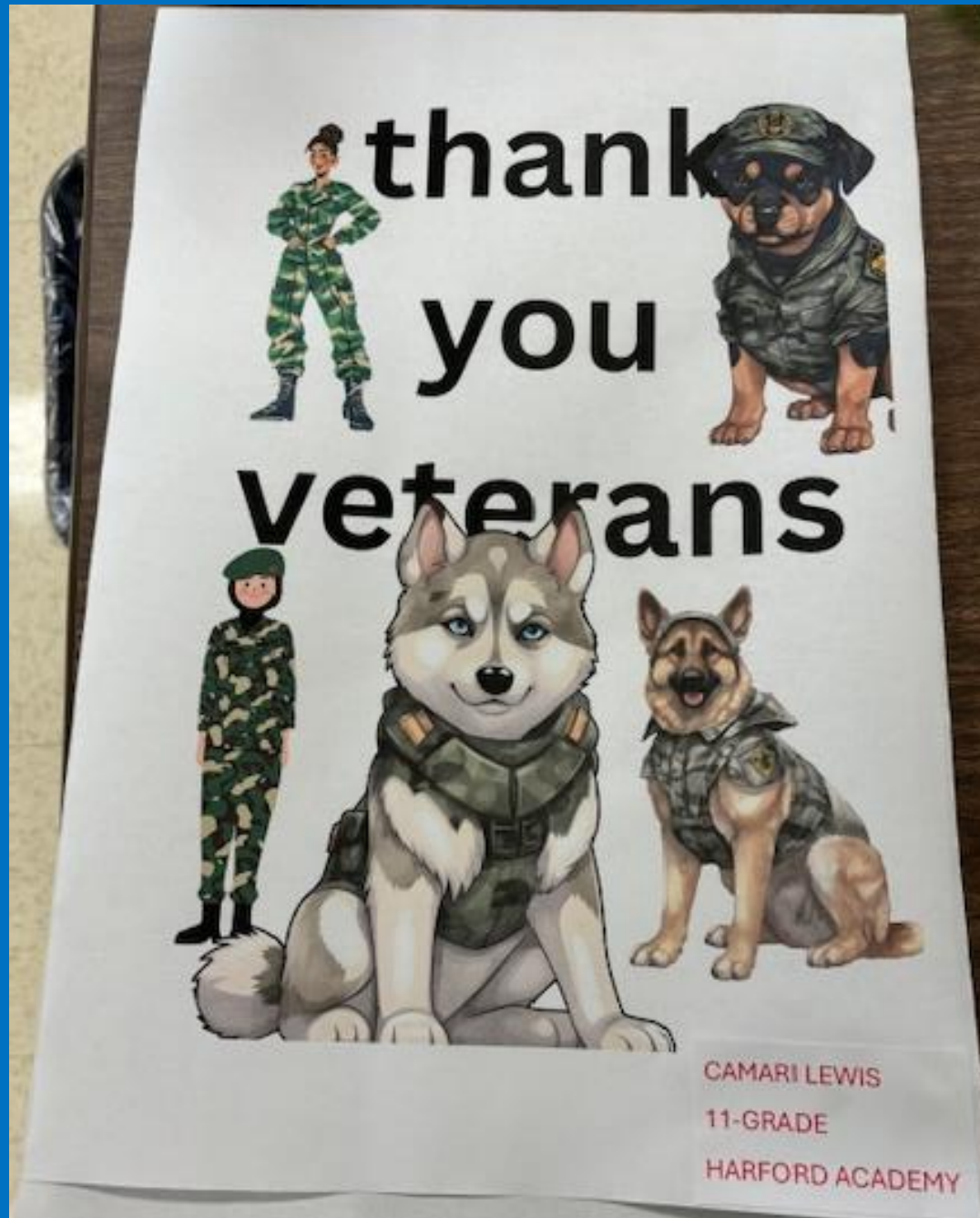


“I would ask for words of wisdom and warnings for civilians and servicemen alike. How should we work to combat evil so that battles such as D-Day and wars like WWII never have to happen again?”

**Matthew Ohler
12th Grade
The John Carroll School
1st Place Essay “Remembering D-Day”**



Camari Lewis
9-12+
Harford Academy



“Above all else, I find it most important to reiterate how grateful we are for their sacrifices. Those who lived perhaps gave more than those who died. Rather than sacrificing their lives, survivors sacrificed their sanity and the innocence of never having witnessed such gruesome displays of violence.”

Ava Montalvo

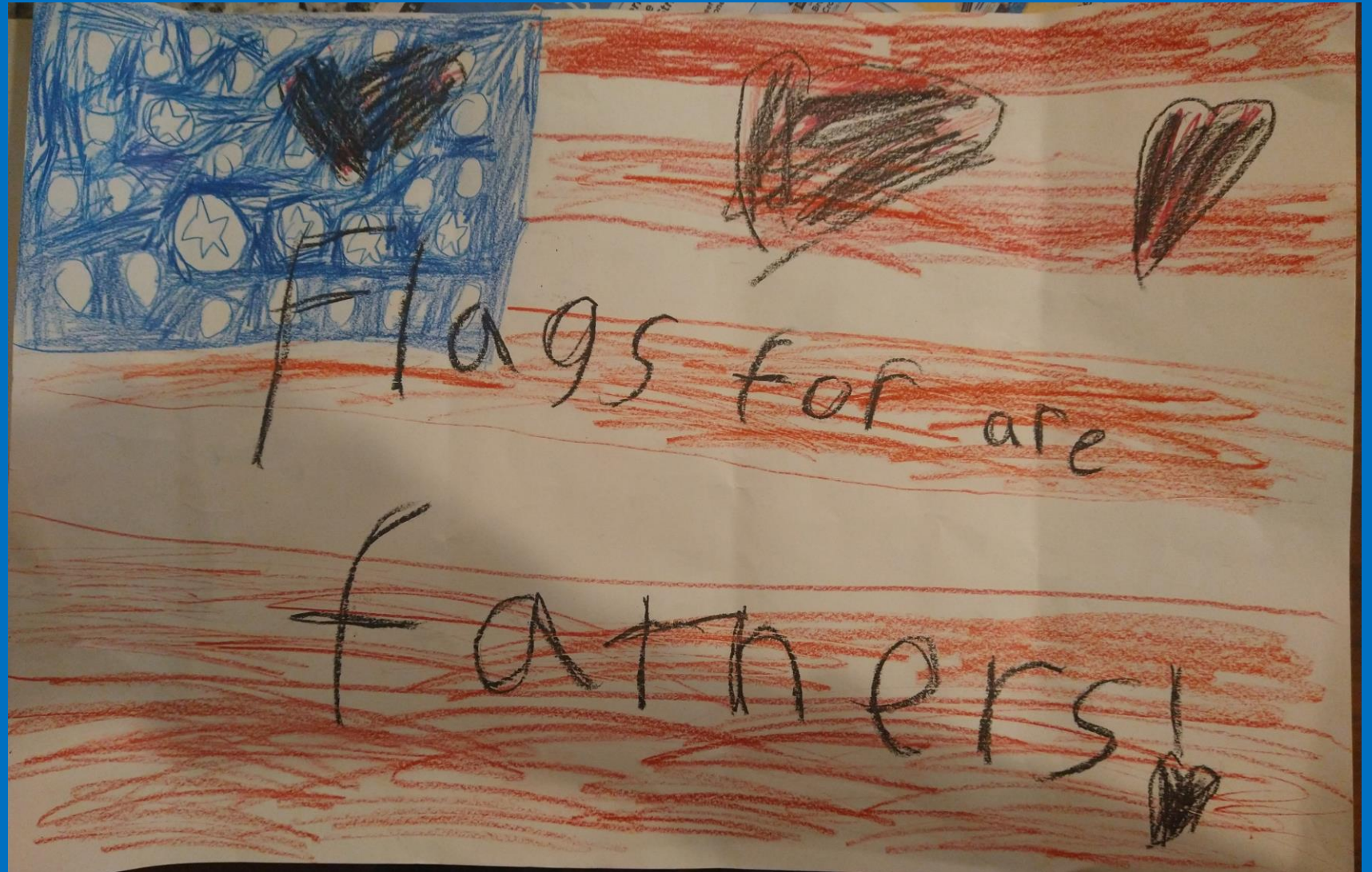
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2d place essay “A Conversation with a D-Day Verteran”



Brooke Culver
K-2
St. Joan of Arc



“To all of the brave soldiers who sacrificed for our country on the battle of D-Day, be it your lives or your former selves, we are forever indebted to you. Your actions set in motion the fall of a sadistic dictatorship and global threat, your noble deeds preserving our freedom. Thank you for your amazing courage, which can scarcely ever be observed of this magnitude. To the veterans of D-Day, you are all heroes. Your bravery in the face of both a horrific battle and its psychologically damaging aftermath are amazing. Your character is one of those which shall be held in the highest regard, and your memory will be forever preserved in the grateful hearts of the American people. We are eternally inspired by your heroism, and we thank you for your service.”

Ava Montalvo

9th Grade

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Norah Hyde

3-5

Fountain Green Elementary School



“We pushed through. We had to. There was no turning back. A lot of good men never made it off those beaches, but it was a turning point in the war.”

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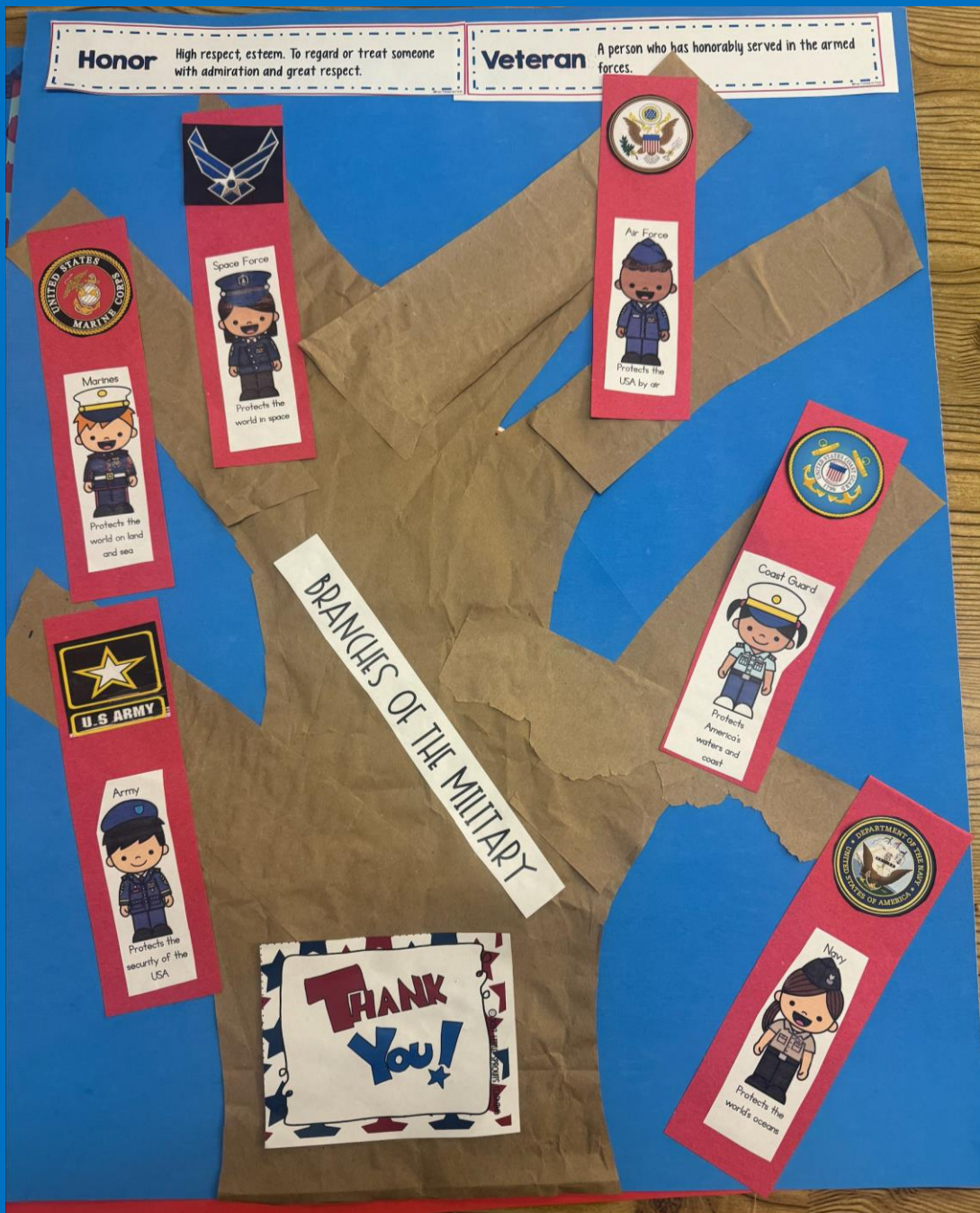
“ ‘I wouldn’t take anything back now. . . All for you, the people of the United States of America. . . It’s all worth it now. . .’ the words sent comfort to me. It was more than just a day to celebrate the war, it was a day to celebrate the people who sacrificed themselves for the safety of the United States of America.”

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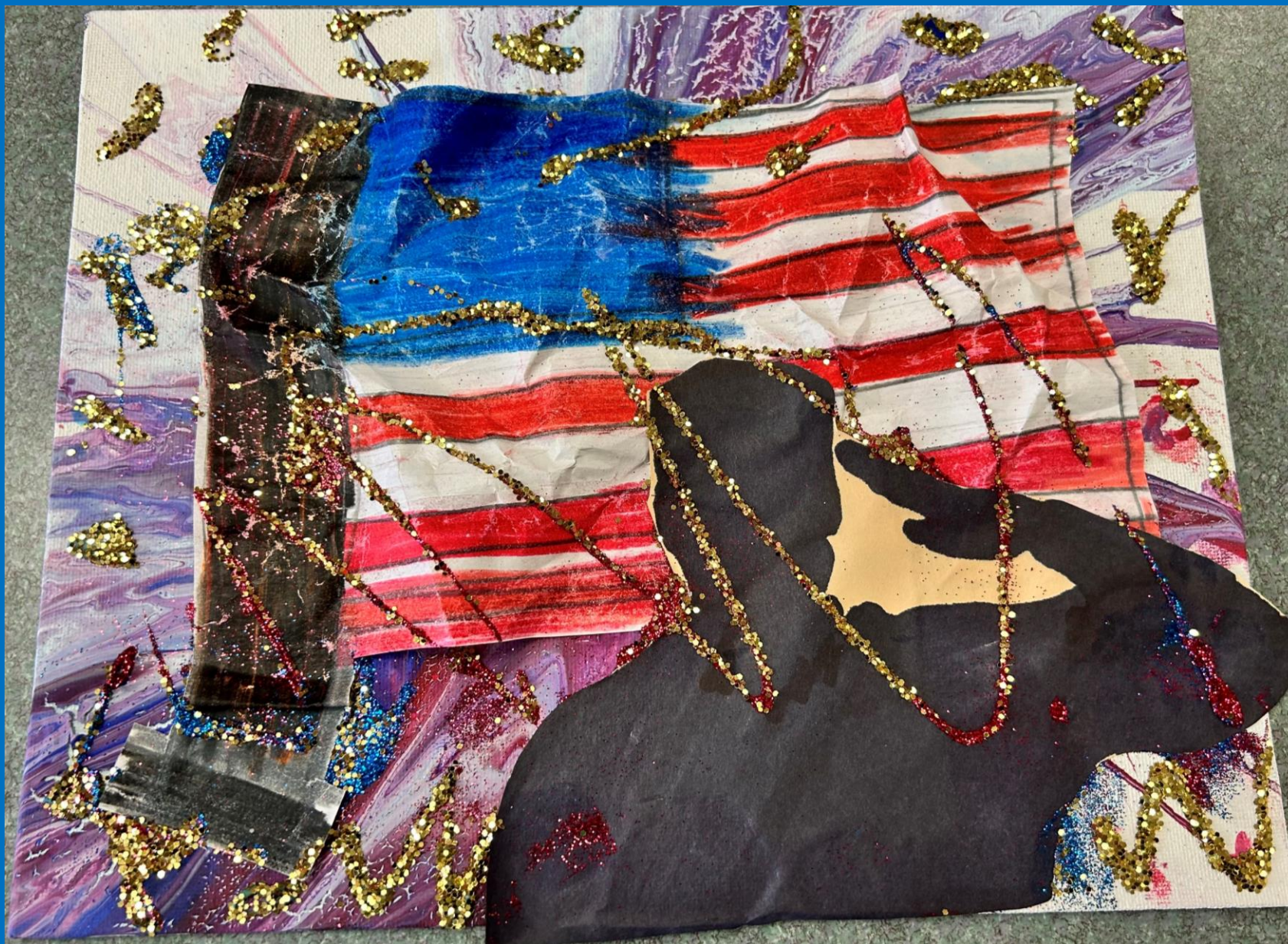
**“My story started with a clueless boy
who had just been considered man
enough to go to war and fight for his
country a country that looked at him
with disdain and treated him like he
was a lesser being cause of the skin
on this body, . . .”**

Hennesey Carnell

9th Grade

Joppatowne High School

“Untitled”



Michael Martins
9-12+
Harford Academy

“Why is it important when it comes to keeping the stories alive when it comes to war? It’s important because those wars are the reason we have the freedom we do.”

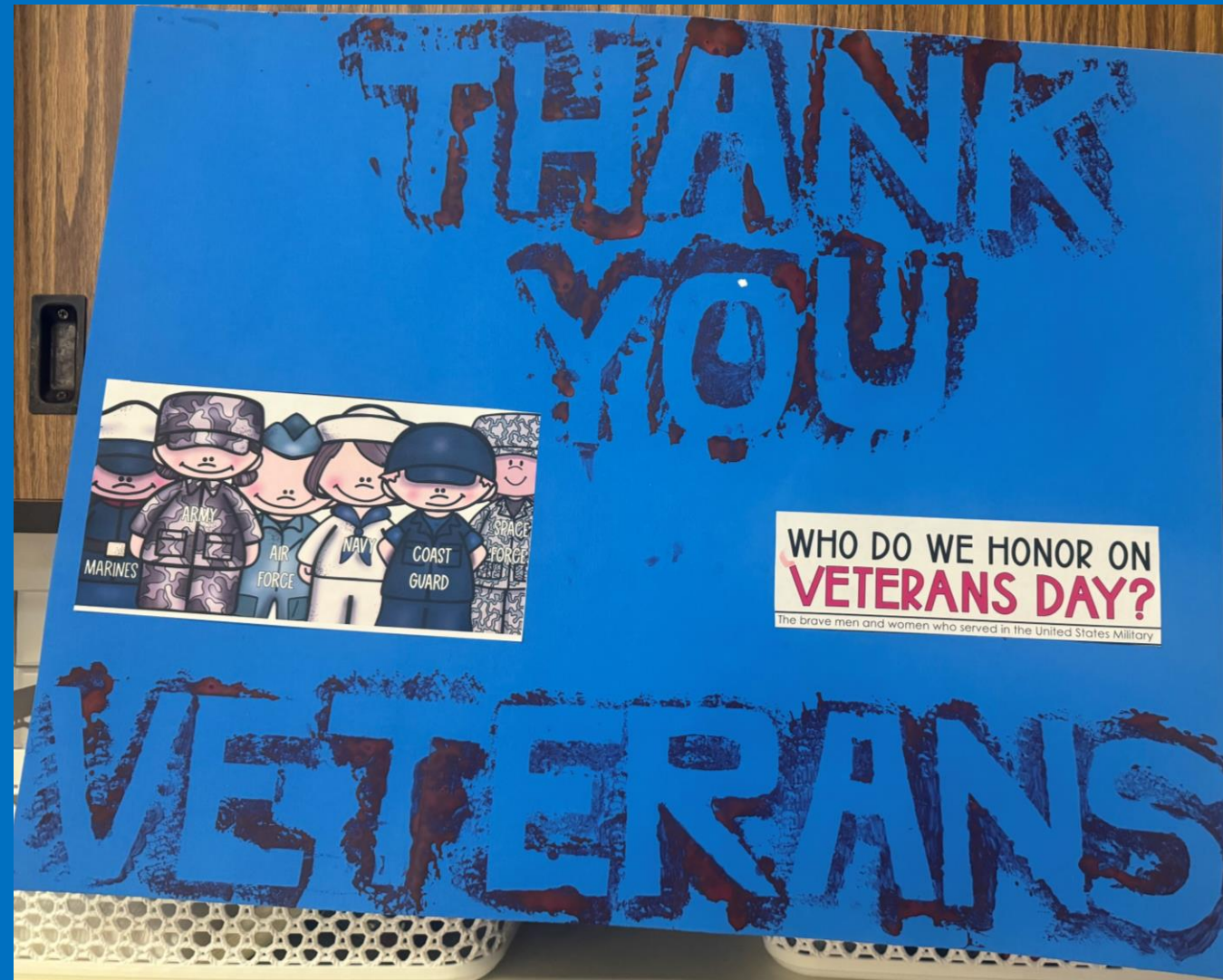
Olivia Aداugo Ekwuribe-Waller

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Joppatowne High School

“Someday Change Will Come But That is Another Day”

Talia Reed
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Harford Academy



“But listening to a D-day veteran would not only help me have a better understanding of that historic event in more detail but would help inspire me to appreciate the freedoms I have today.”

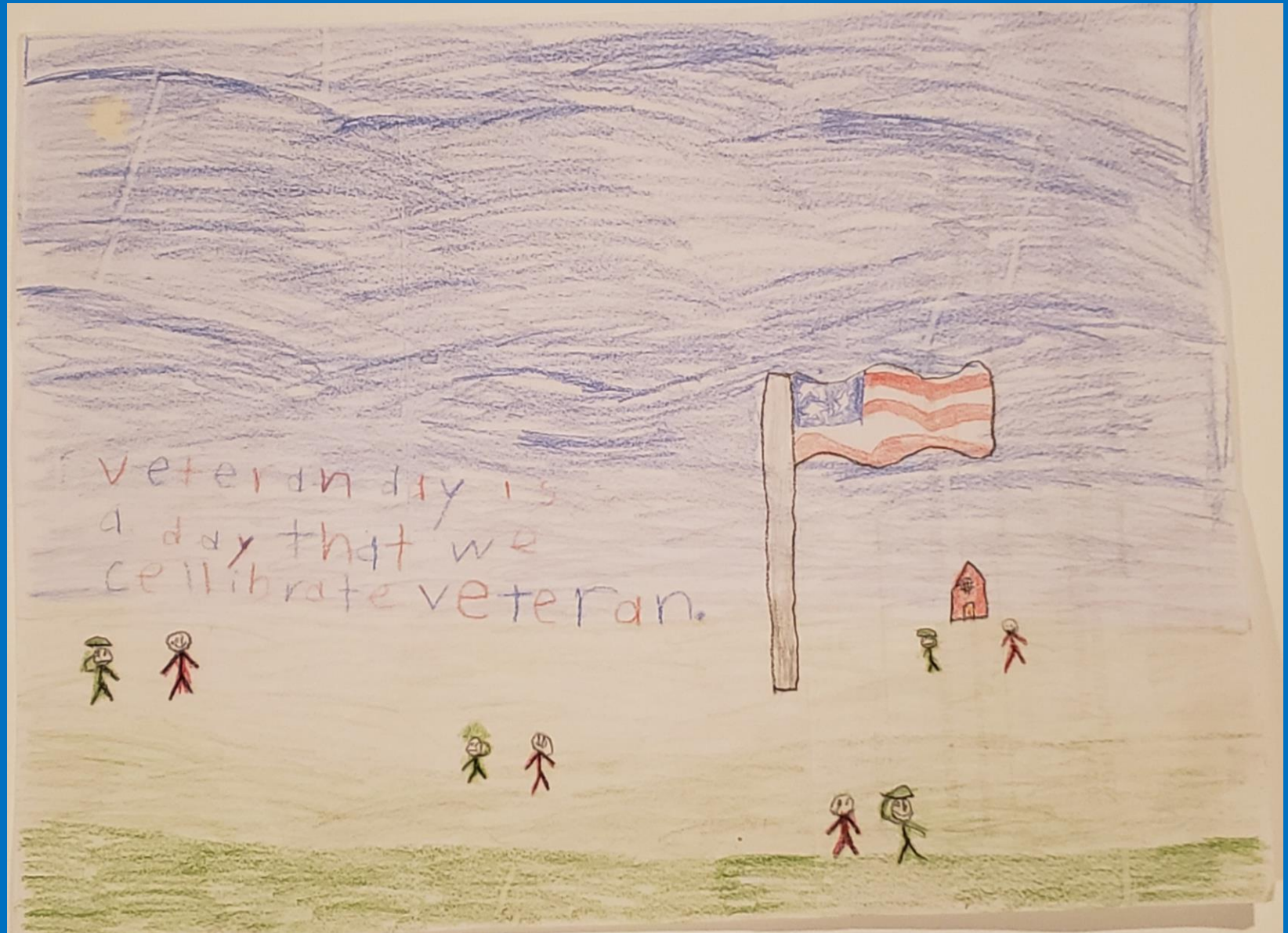
Jorrdan Bailey-Parker

11th Grade

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“A Conversation with a D-Day Veteran”

Kaleb Beaverson
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Edgewood Elementary School



“So, if I were to speak to a D-Day Veteran, I would have nothing to say but thank you; thank you for your service to the military and the country, and for putting your life on the line to protect us at home.”

Kalie Wagner

9th Grade

The John Carroll School

“The Sacrifices of a D-Day Soldier”

Wayne Dunlap, Jr.
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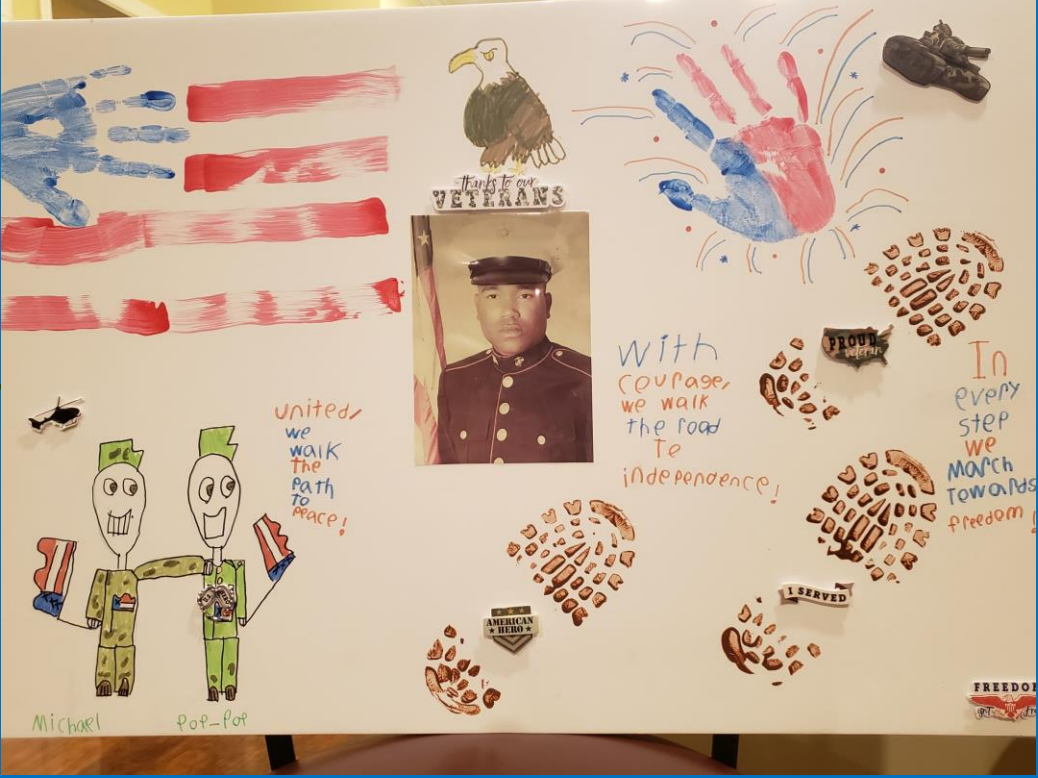
**“The veterans did this for our
freedom sacrificing their own lives
just for us to live a life with no fear.”**

**Landrin Adriel
9th Grade**

**Joppatowne High School
“Talking with a Veteran”**



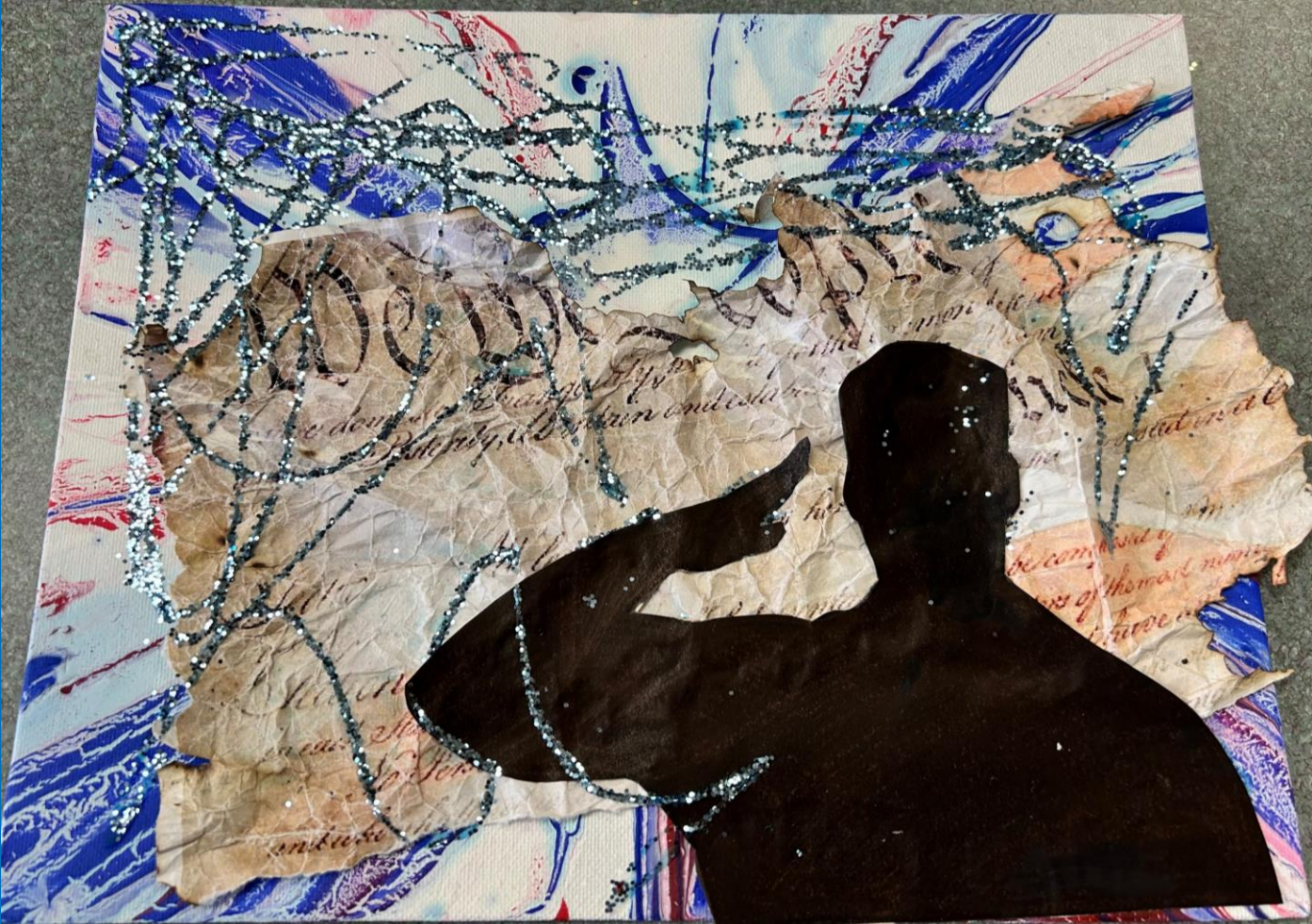
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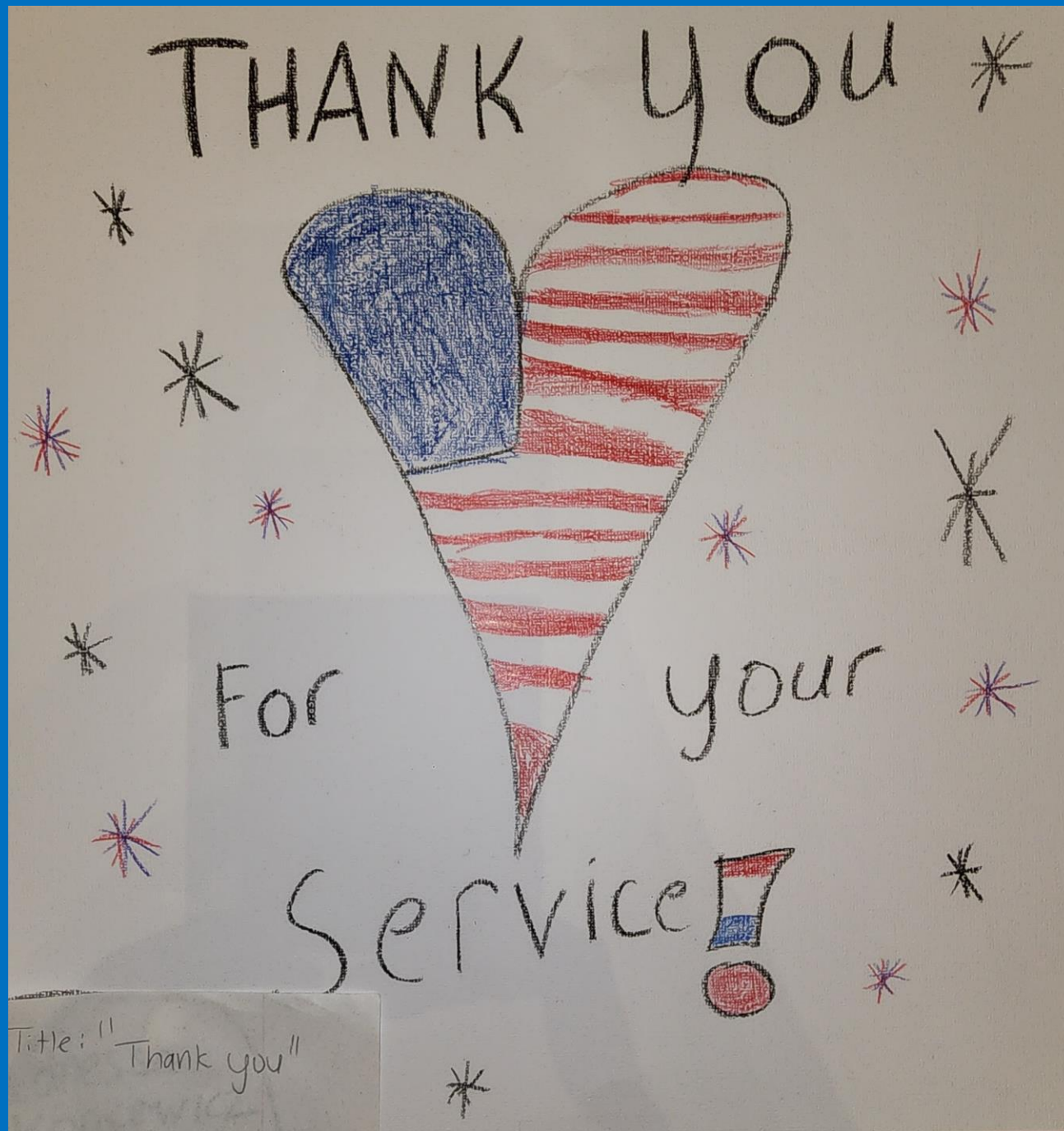


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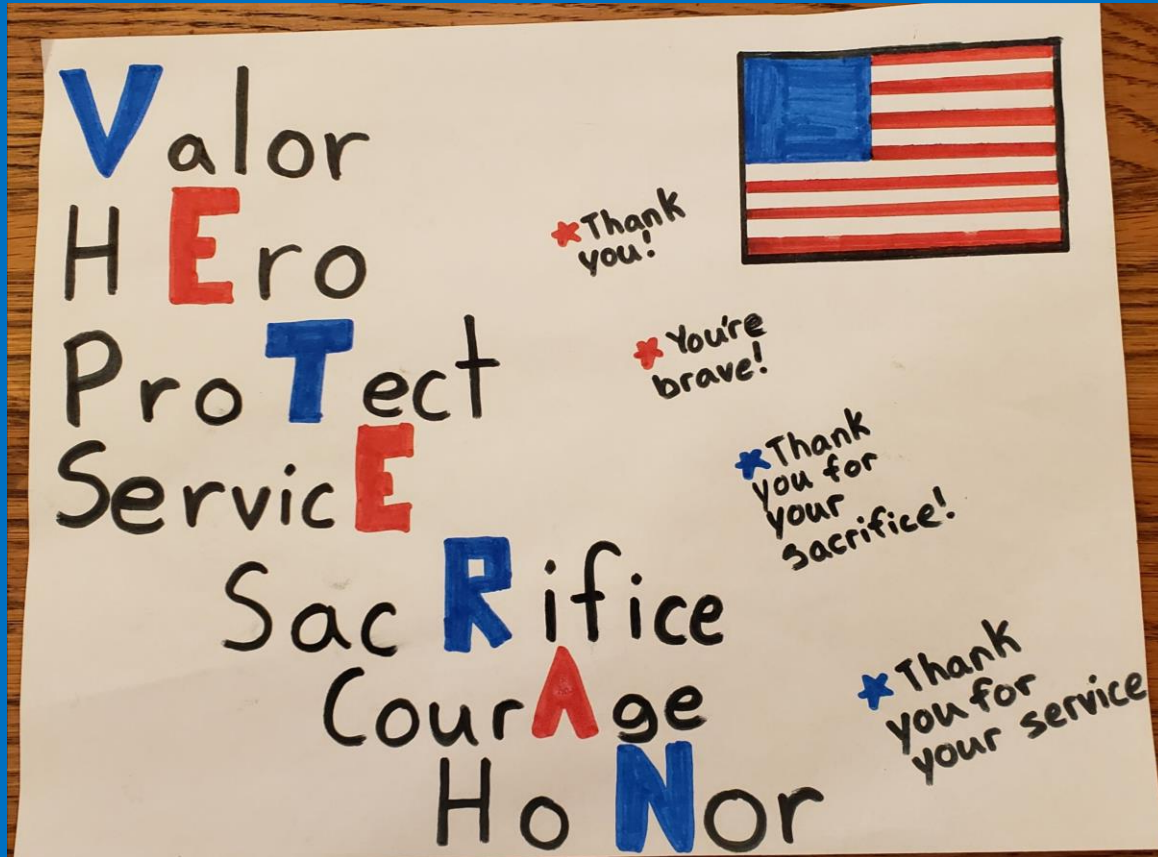
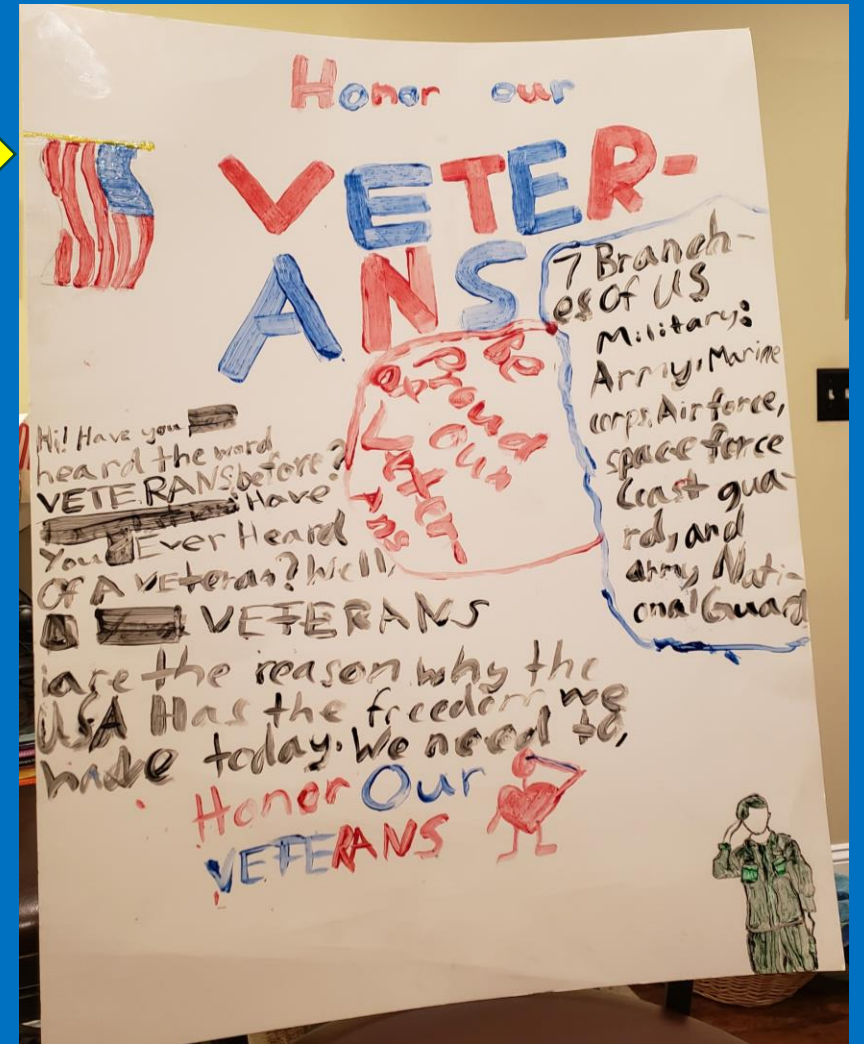


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Ring Factory Elementary School

Vanessa Koncewicz
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Meadowvale Elementary School



Mopelola Awosanya
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Edgewood Elementary School



Cristian Amaya Cruz
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Edgewood Elementary School

Ways to HONOR a Veteran

Fly the U.S. Flag

Go to a Veterans Day Event

Write a Veteran a note

Make a donation

Thank a Veteran

Drake Booker - Edgewood Elementary School
5th grade - Mrs. Vogt

2024



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1st Lt. 1942-1945
1922-1971
Franklin, La. GA

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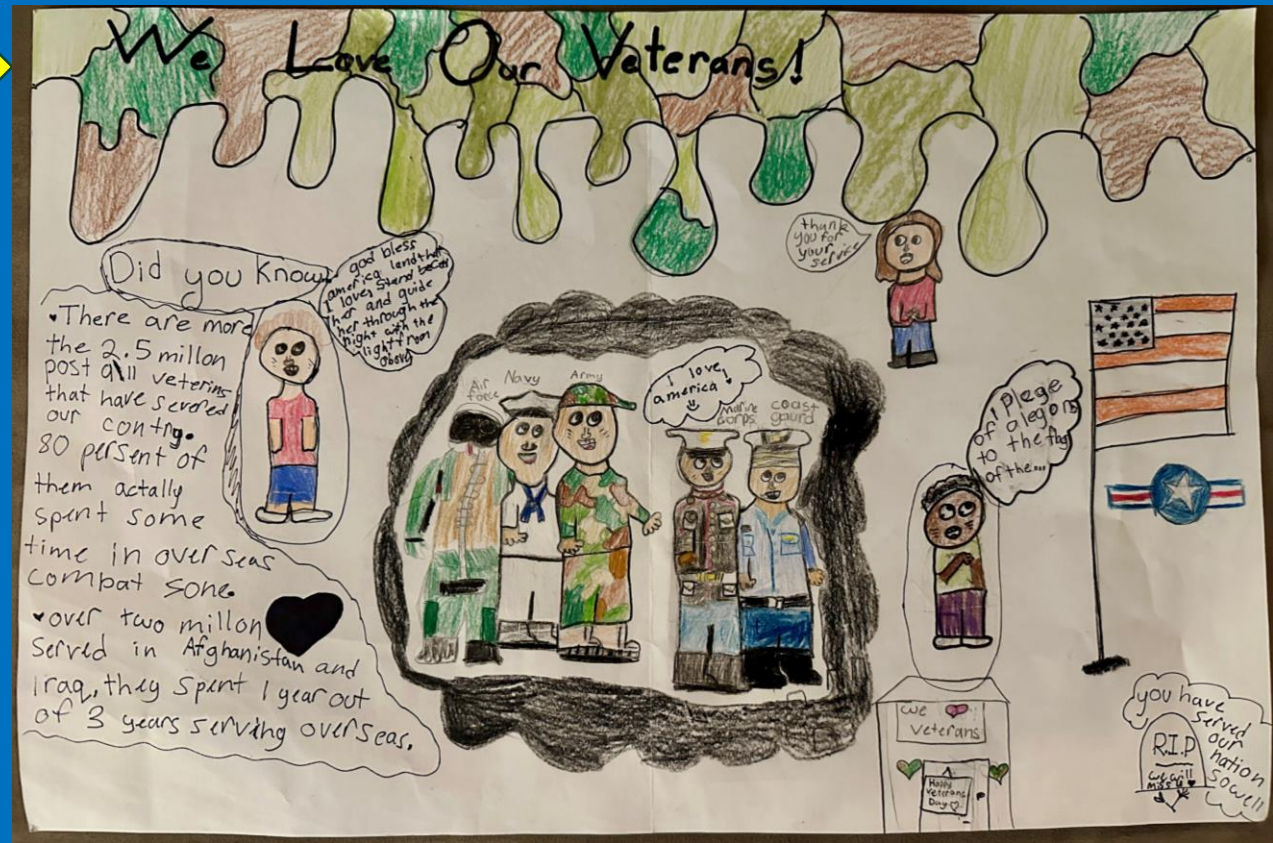
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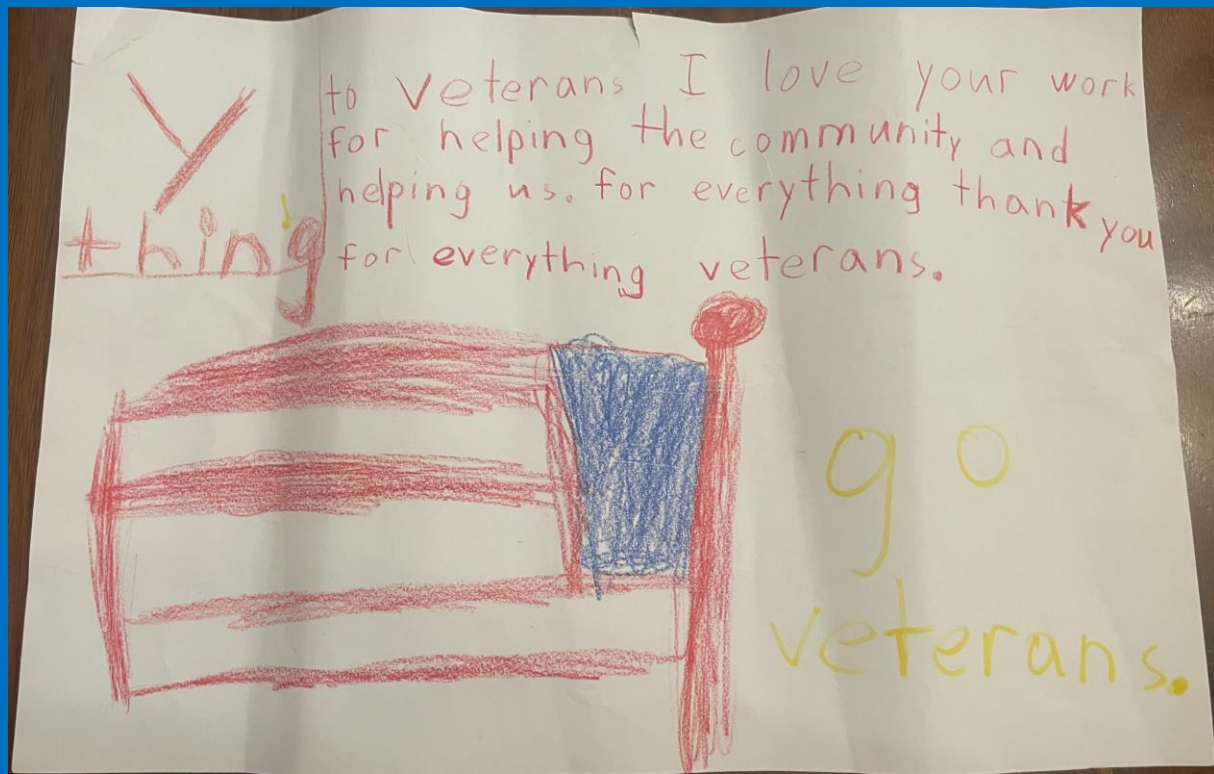


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Honoring Veterans



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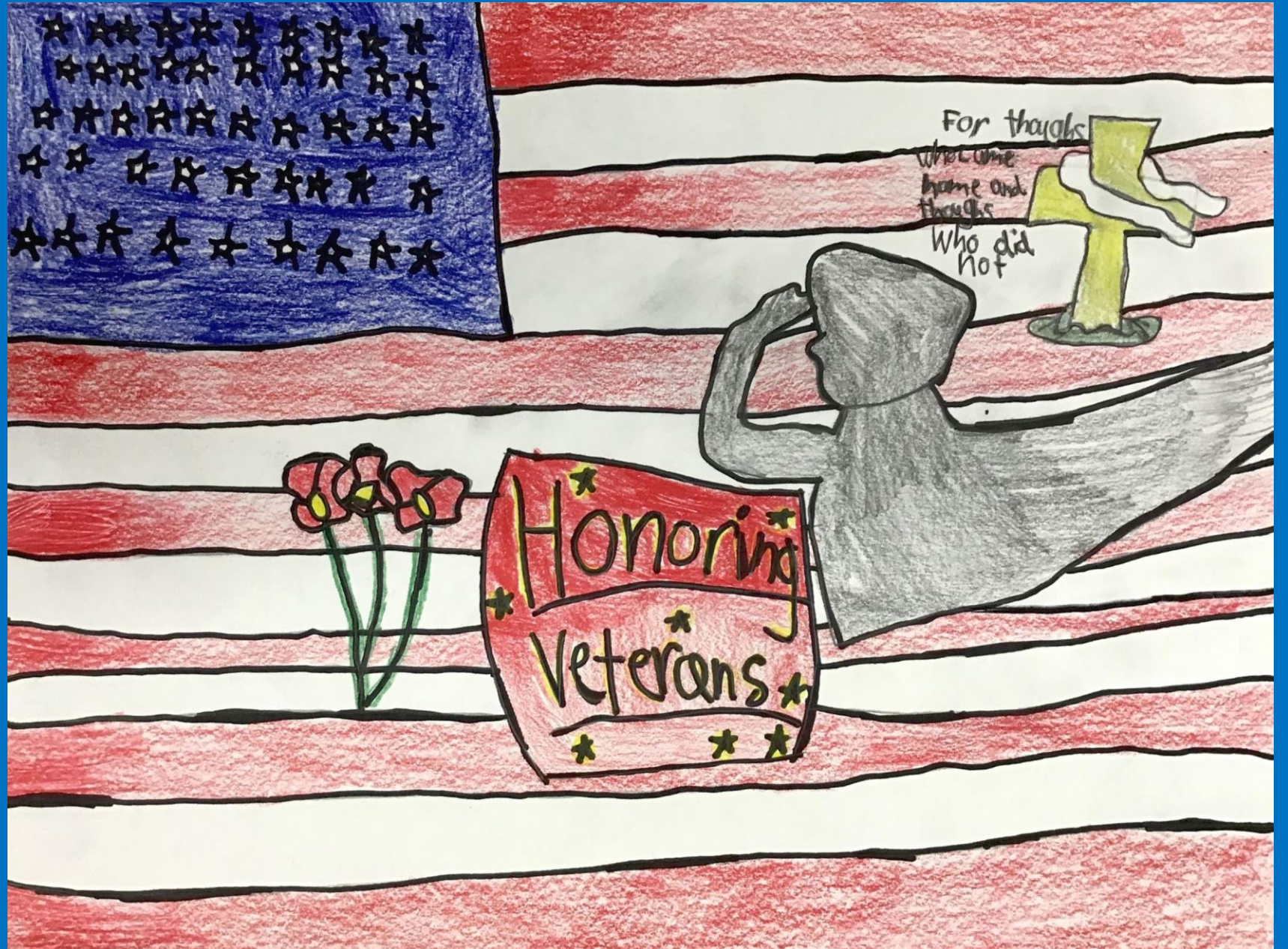
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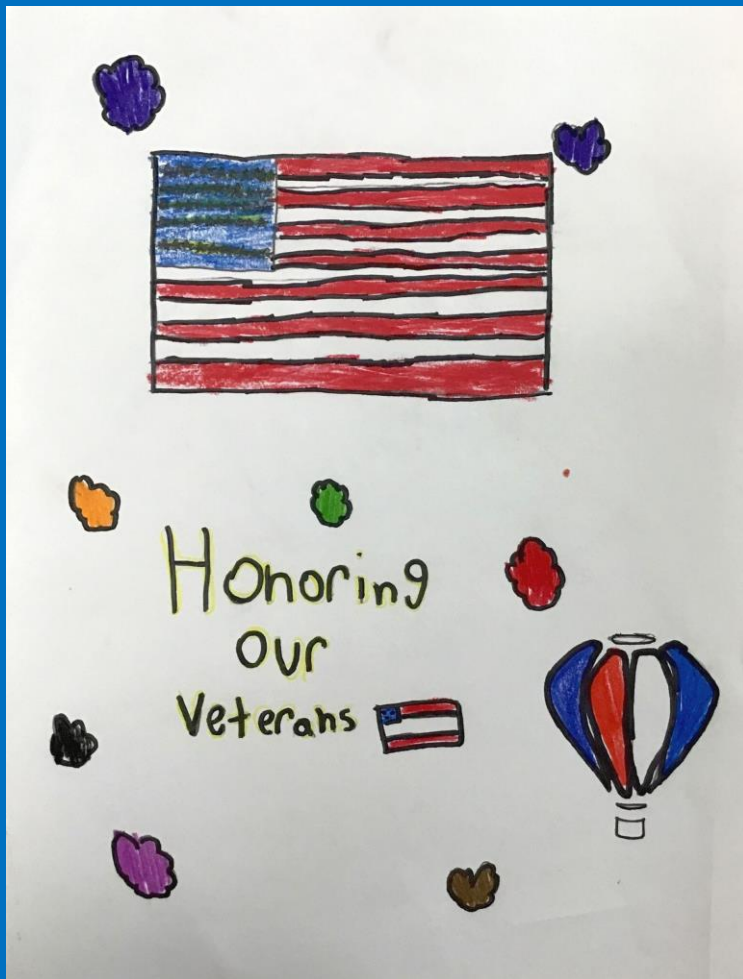
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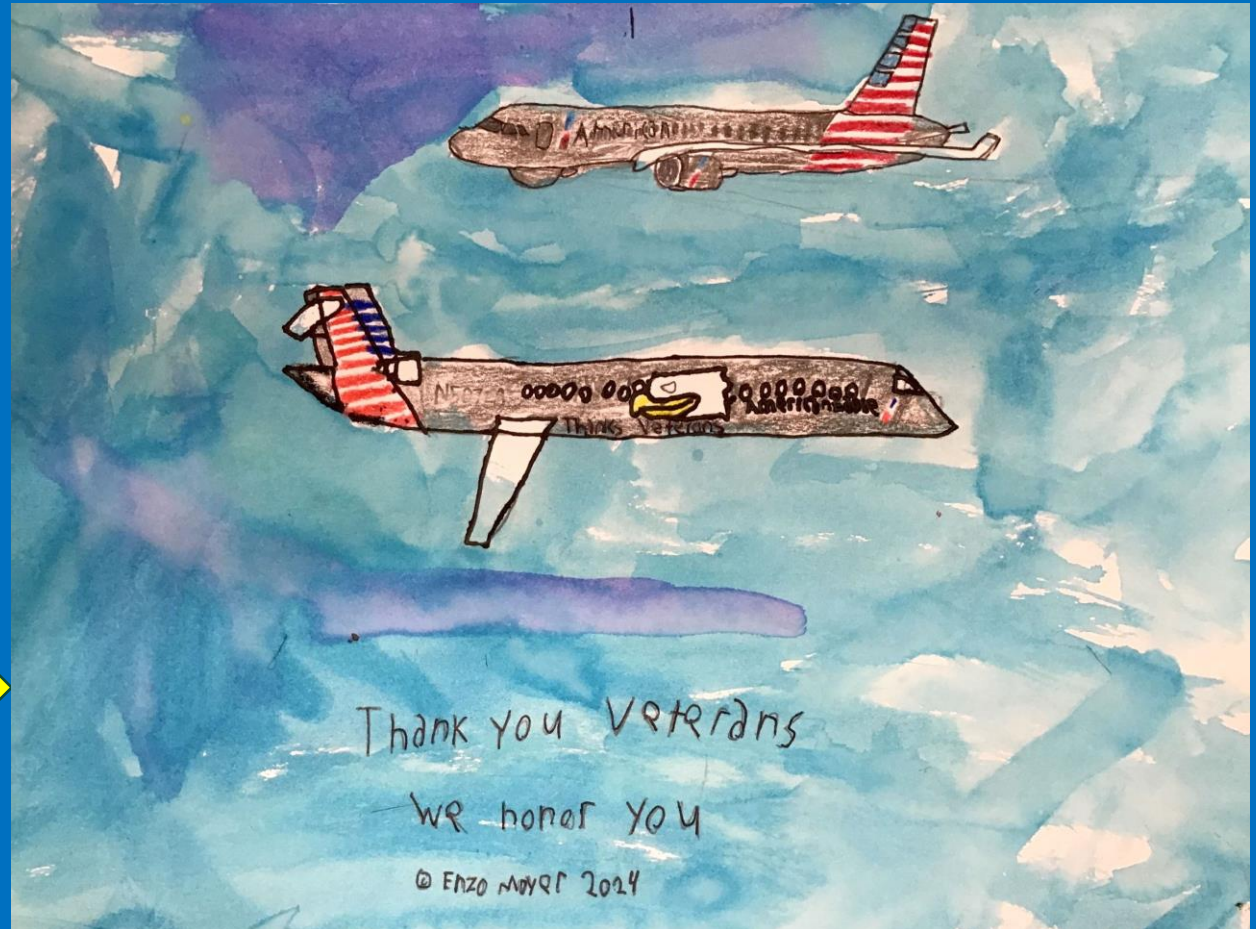
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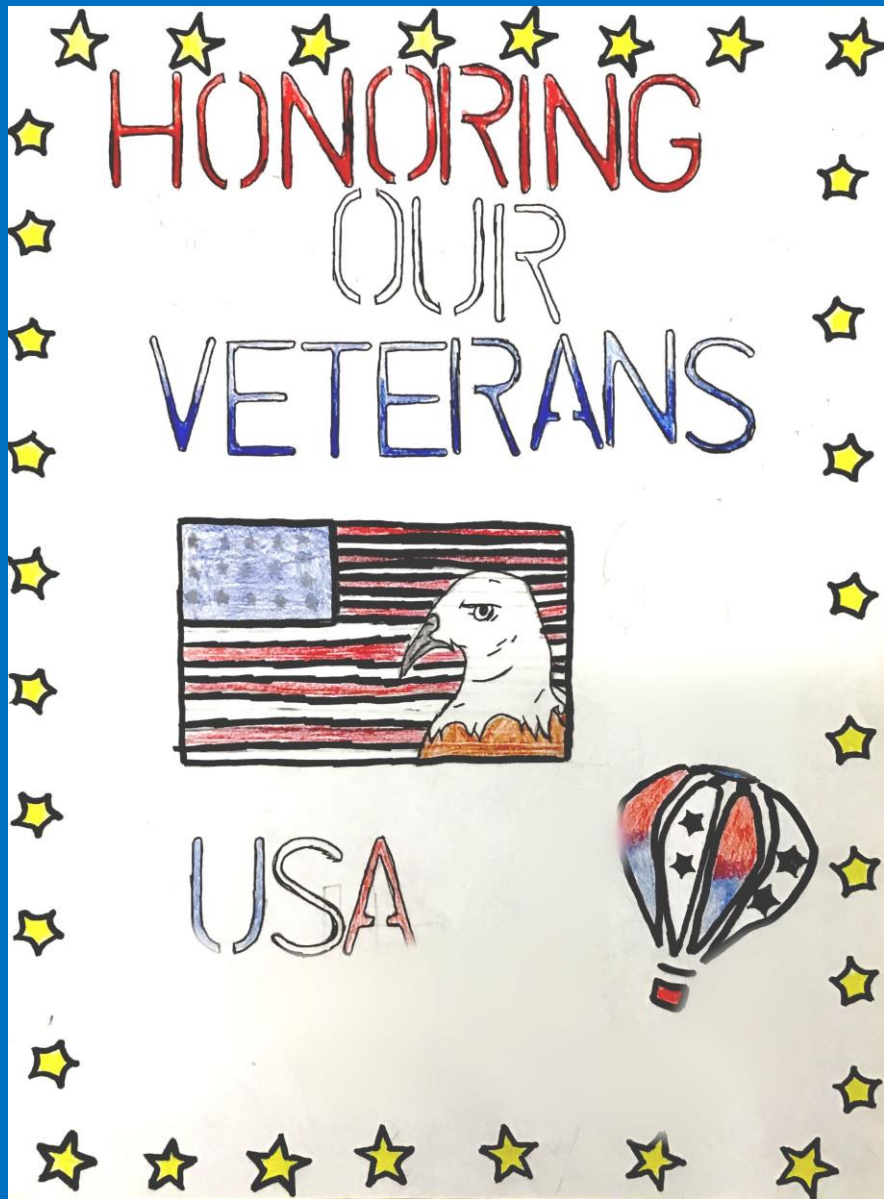




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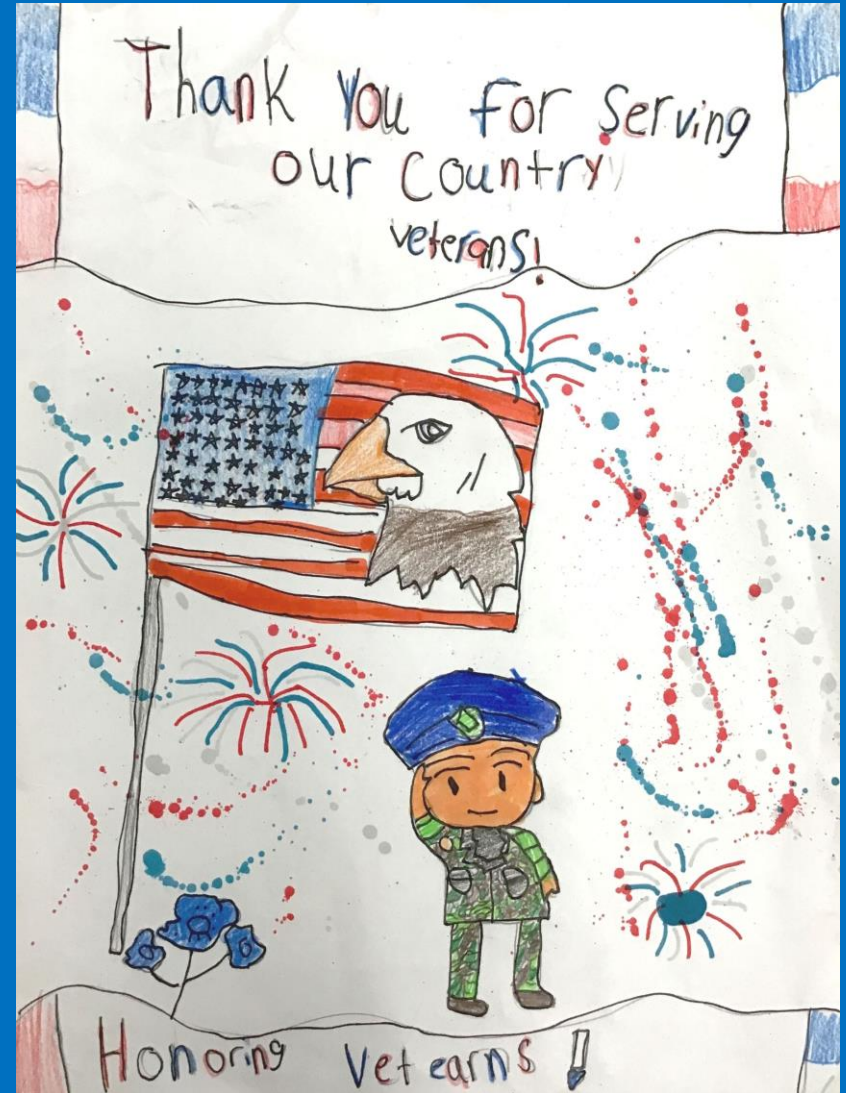
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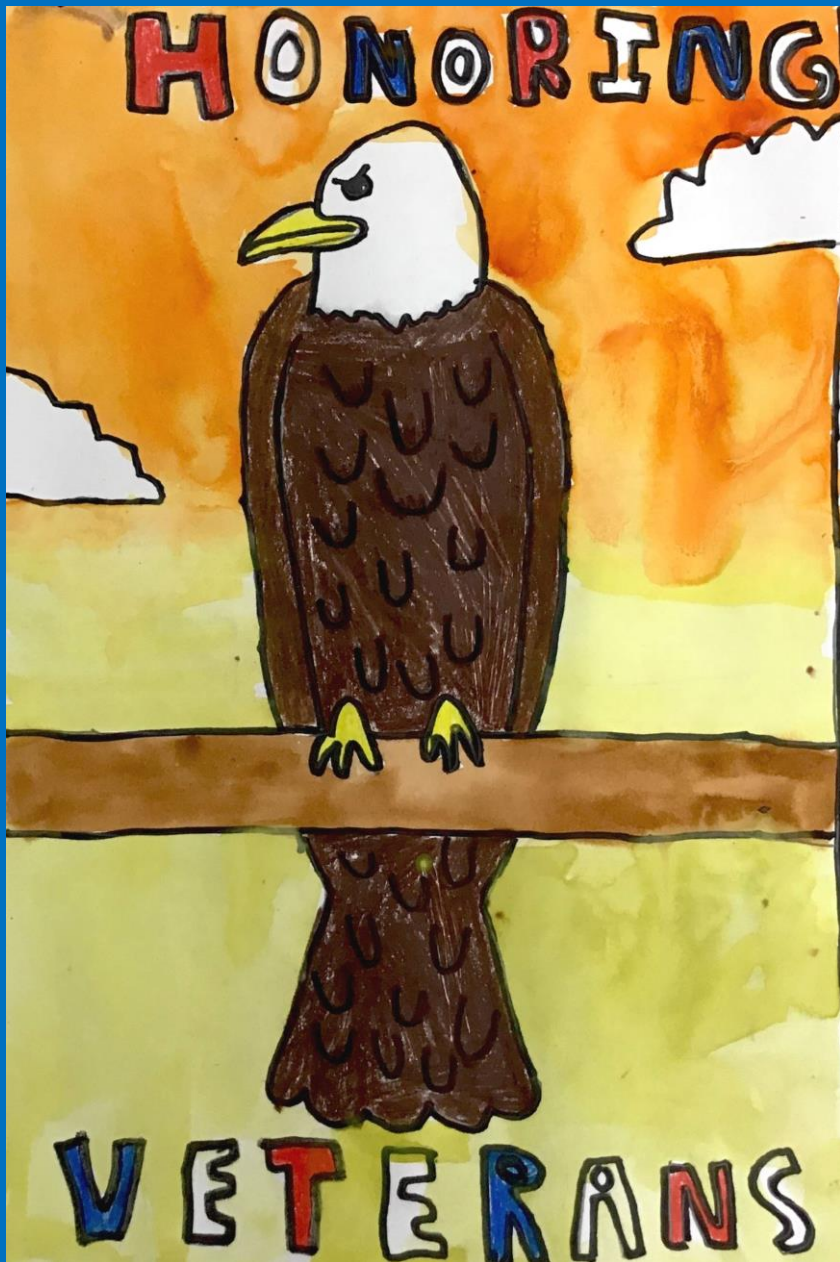


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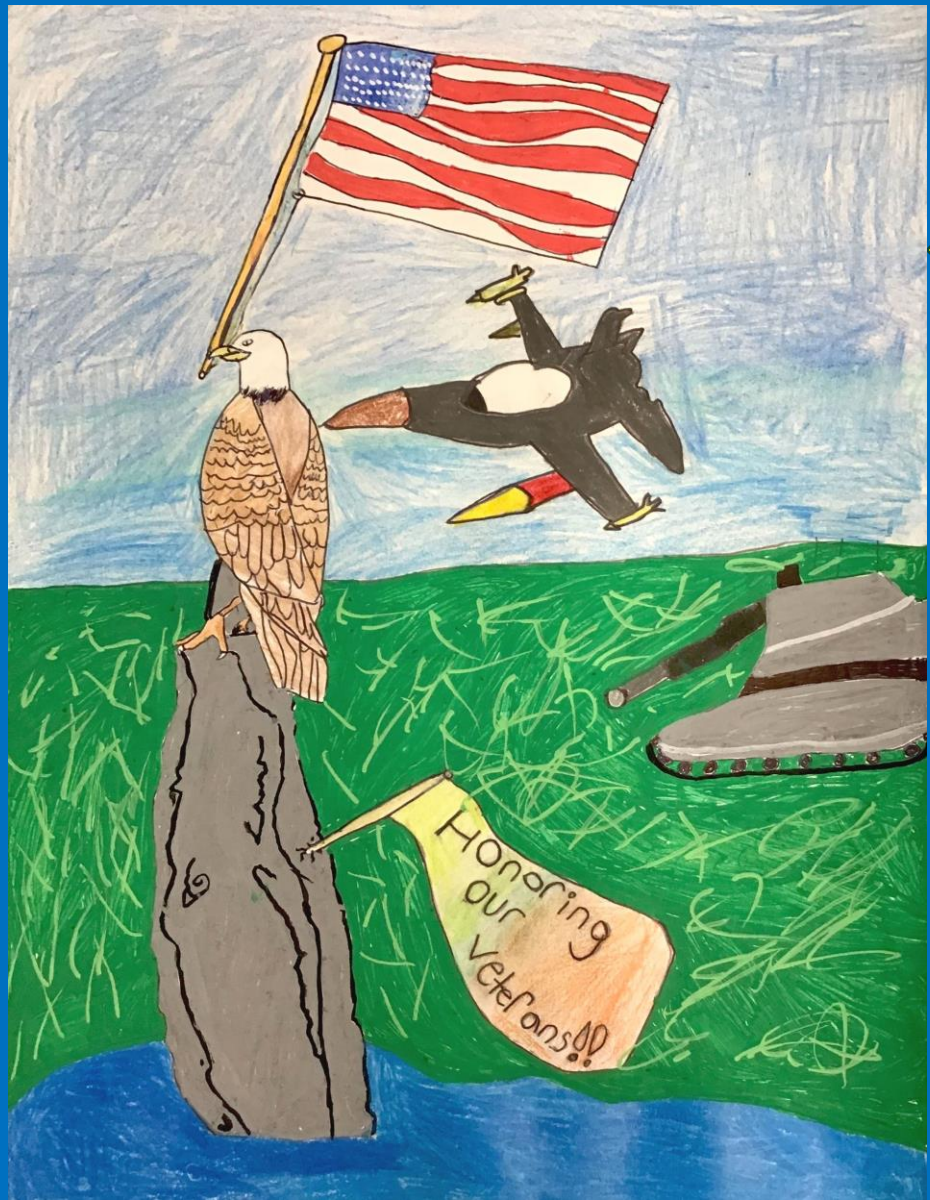
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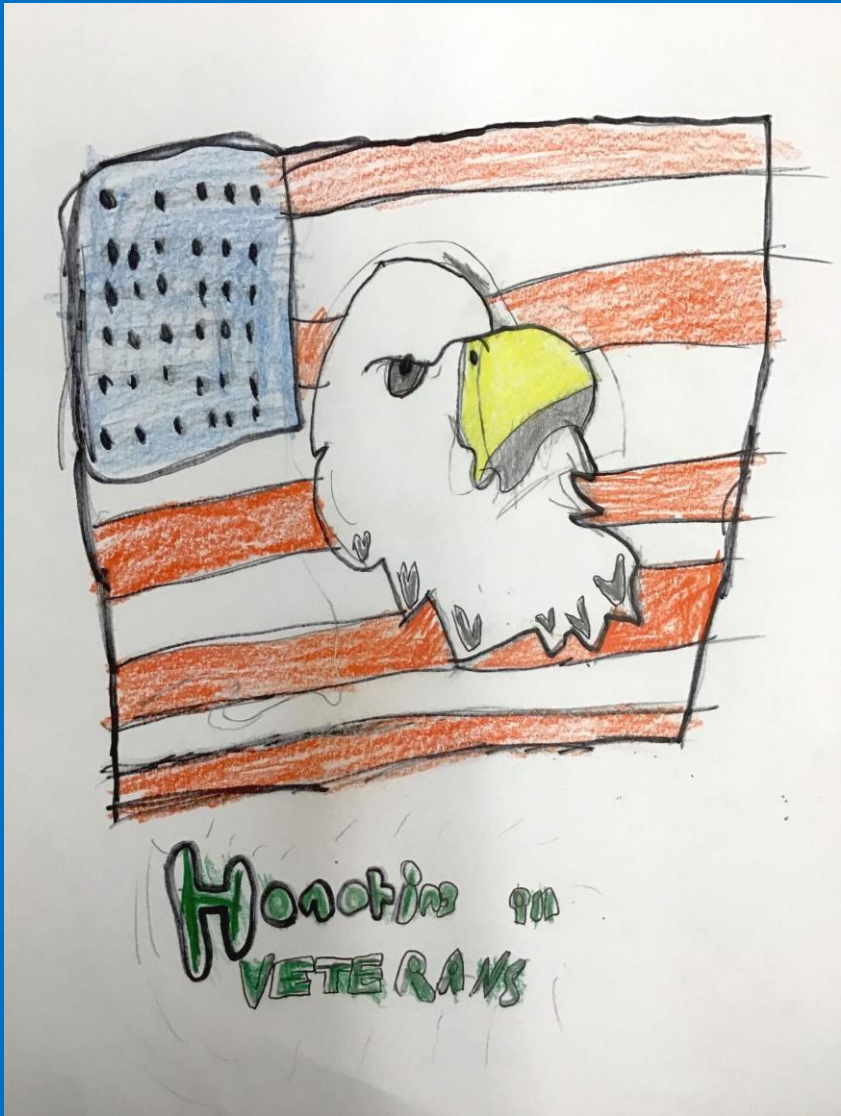




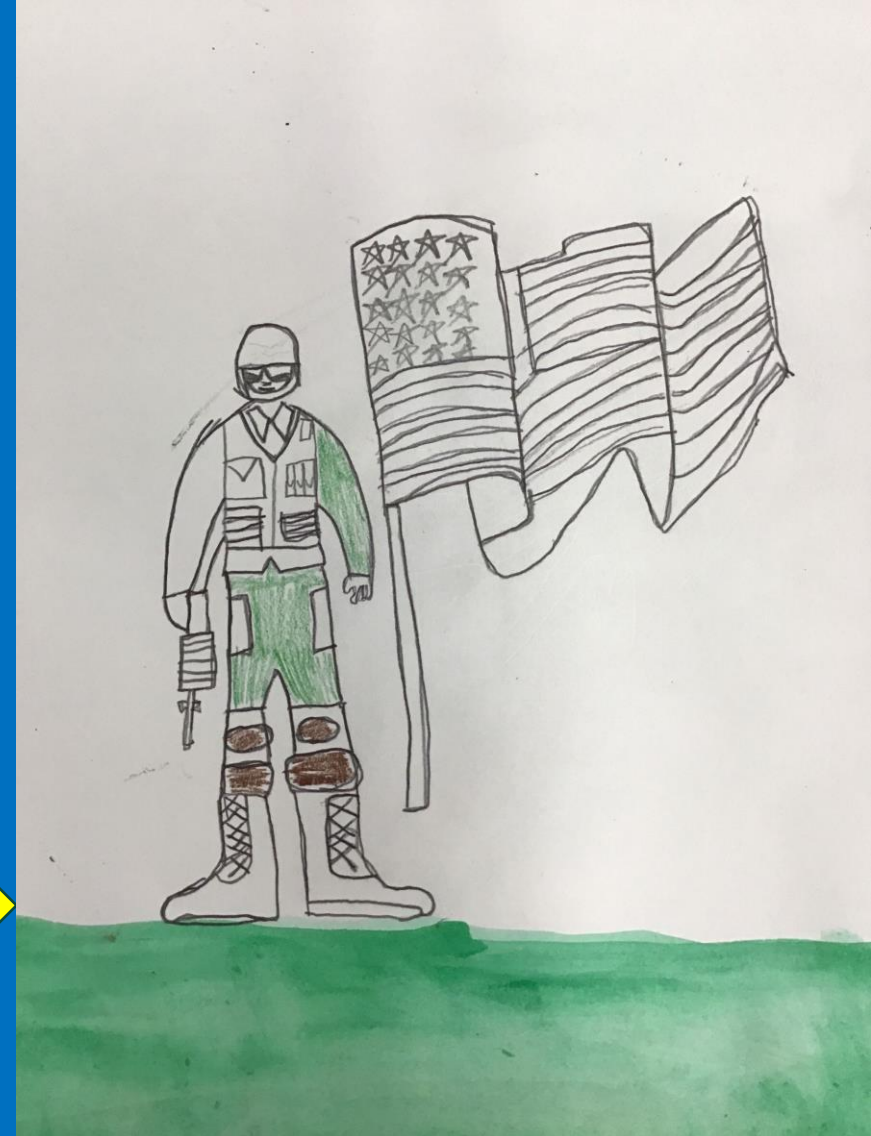
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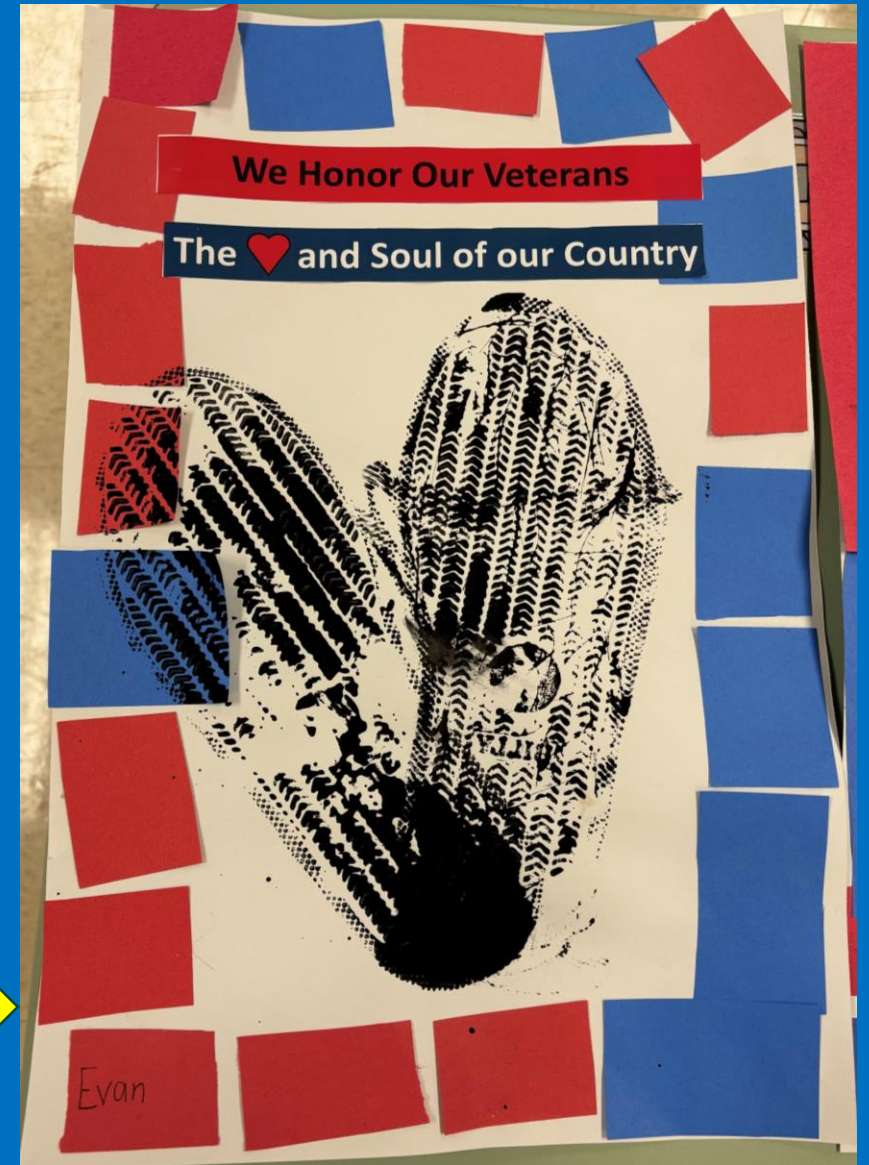


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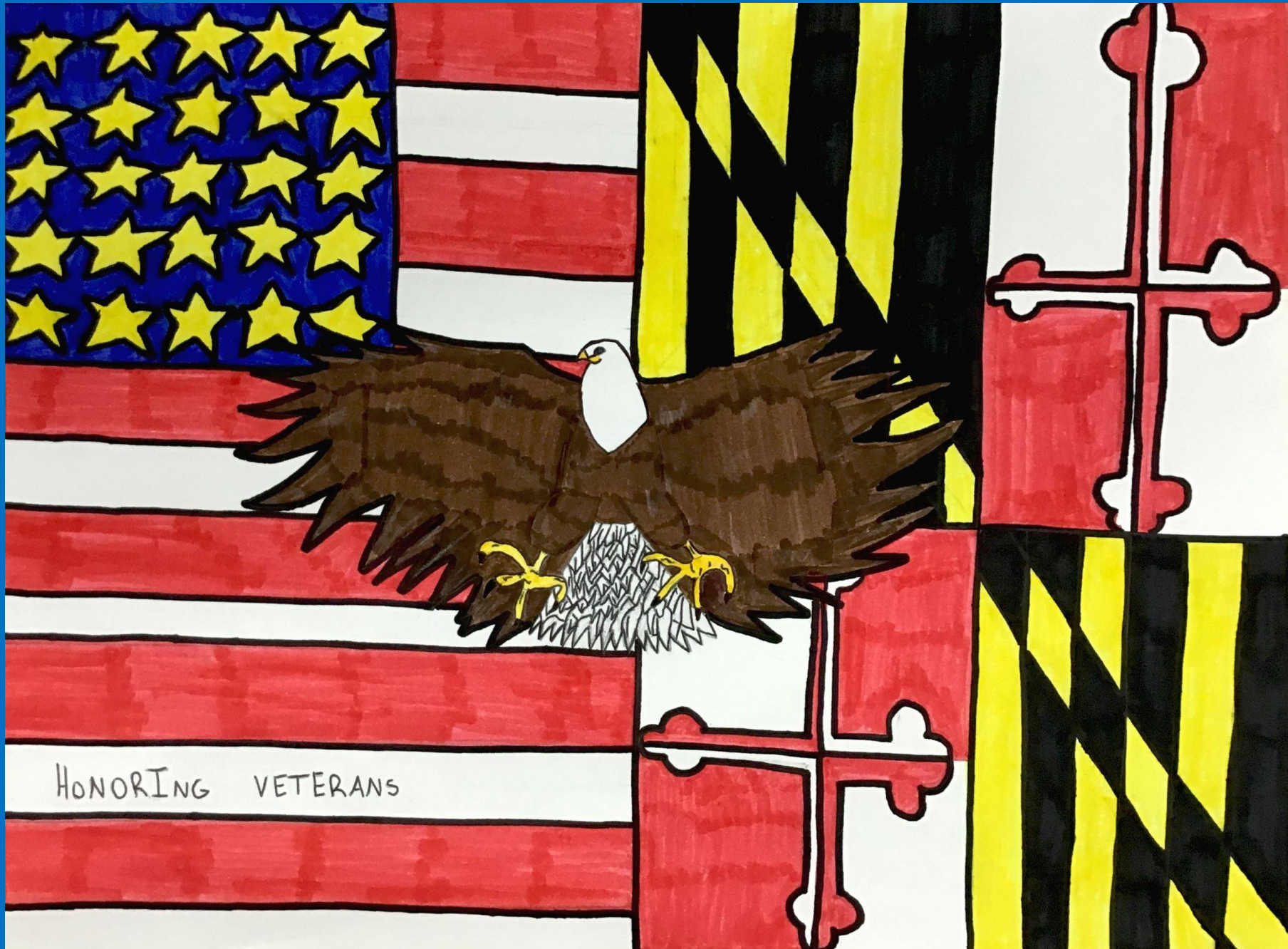




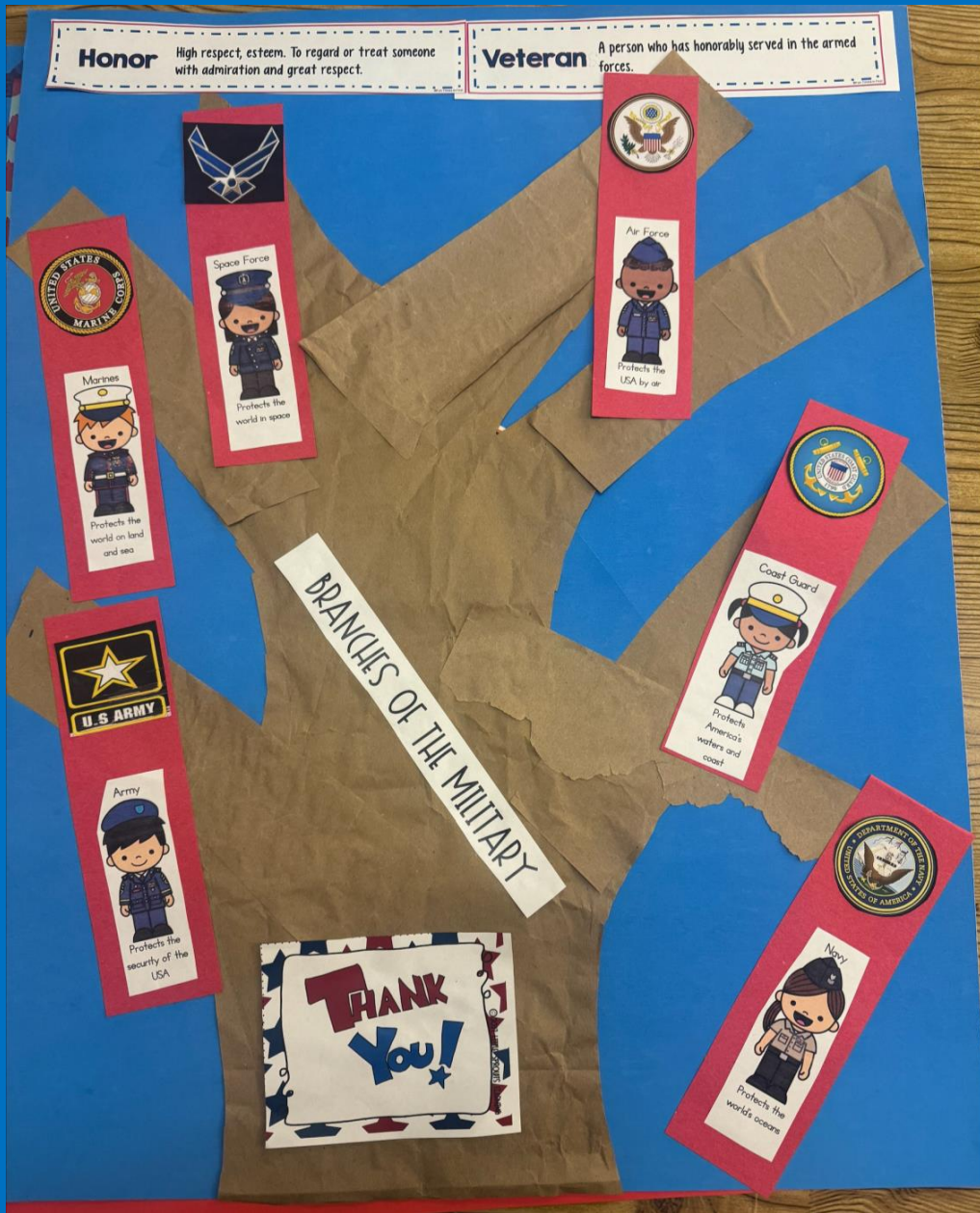
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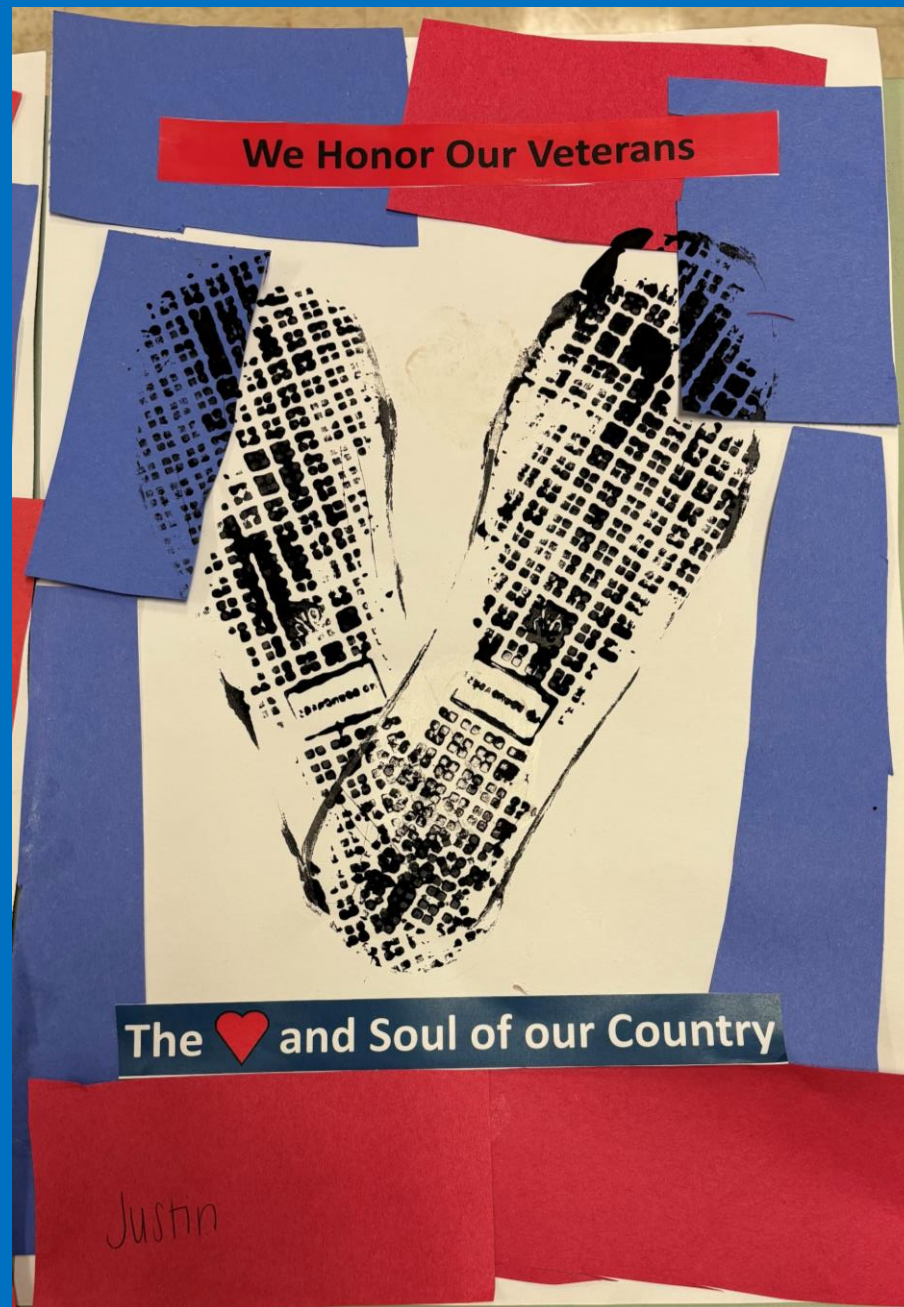
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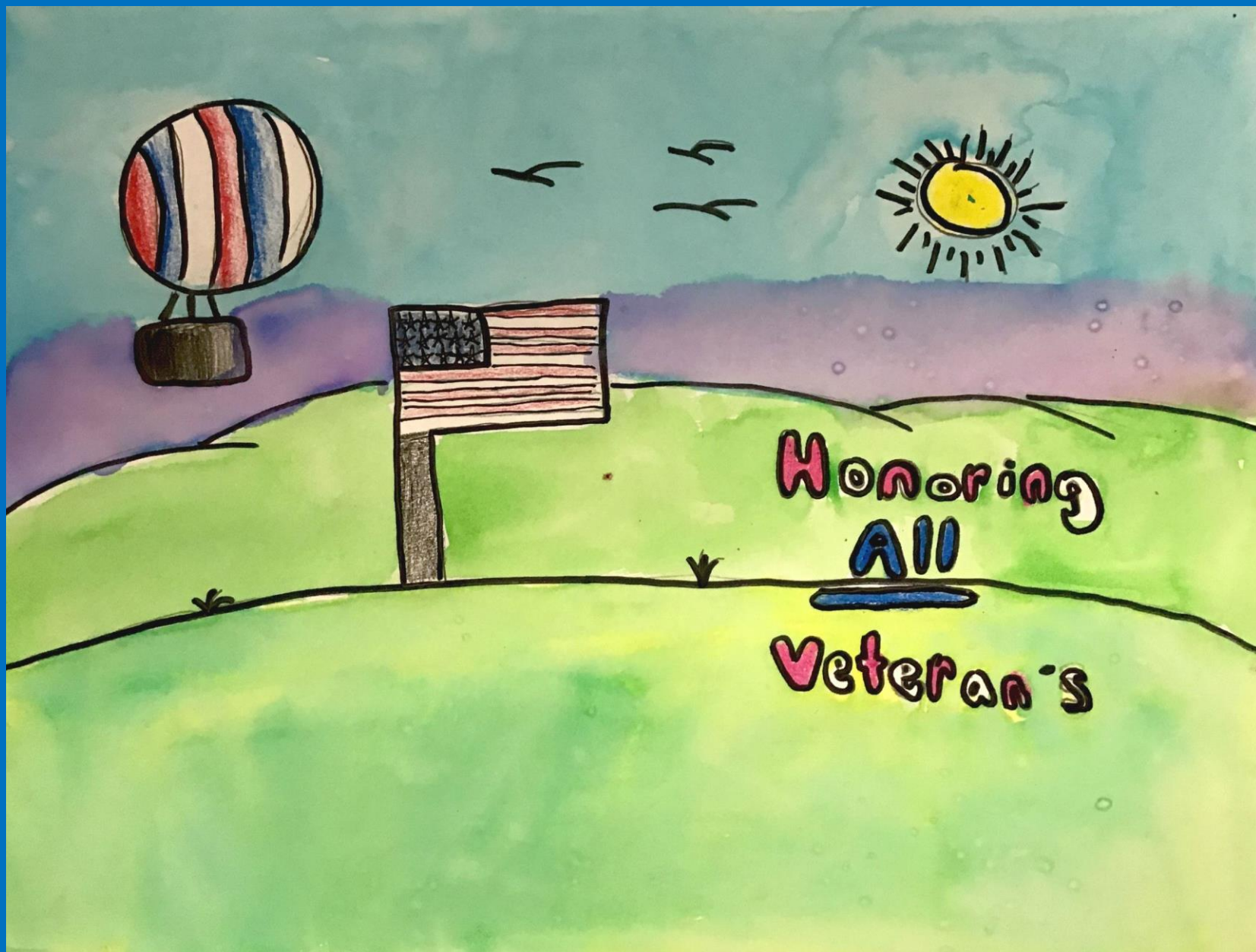


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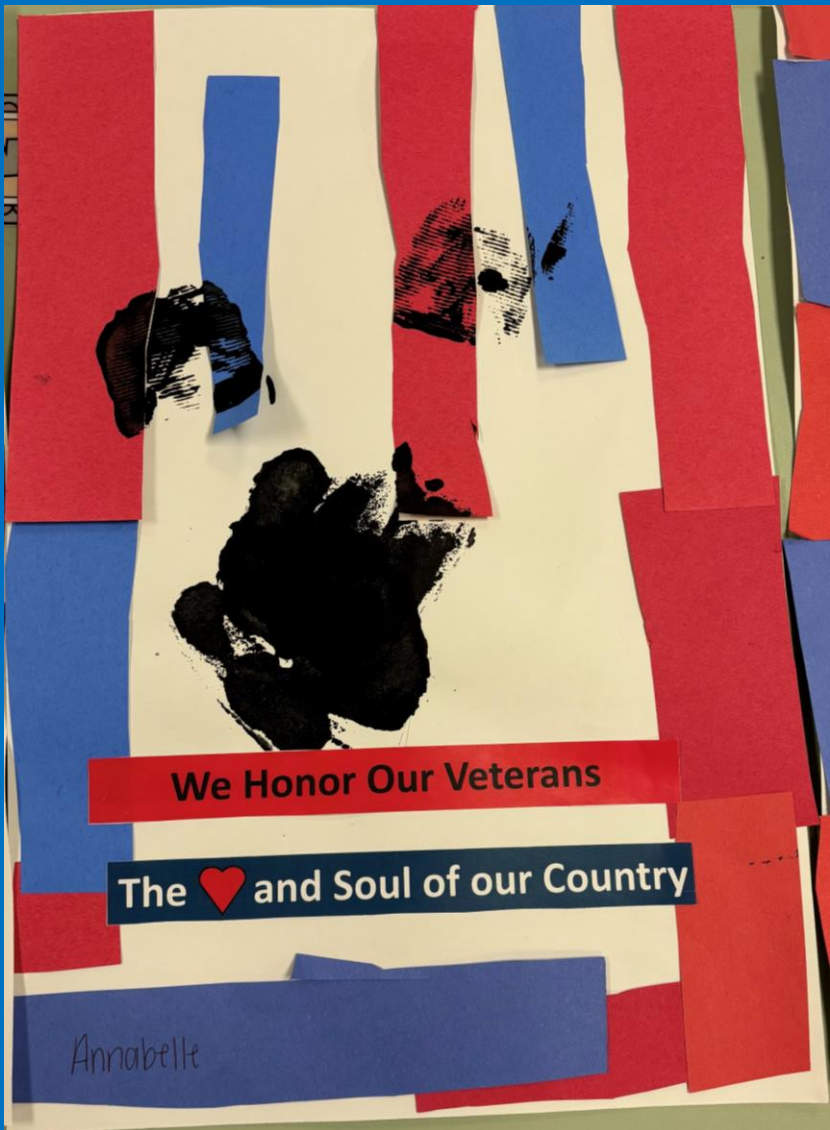


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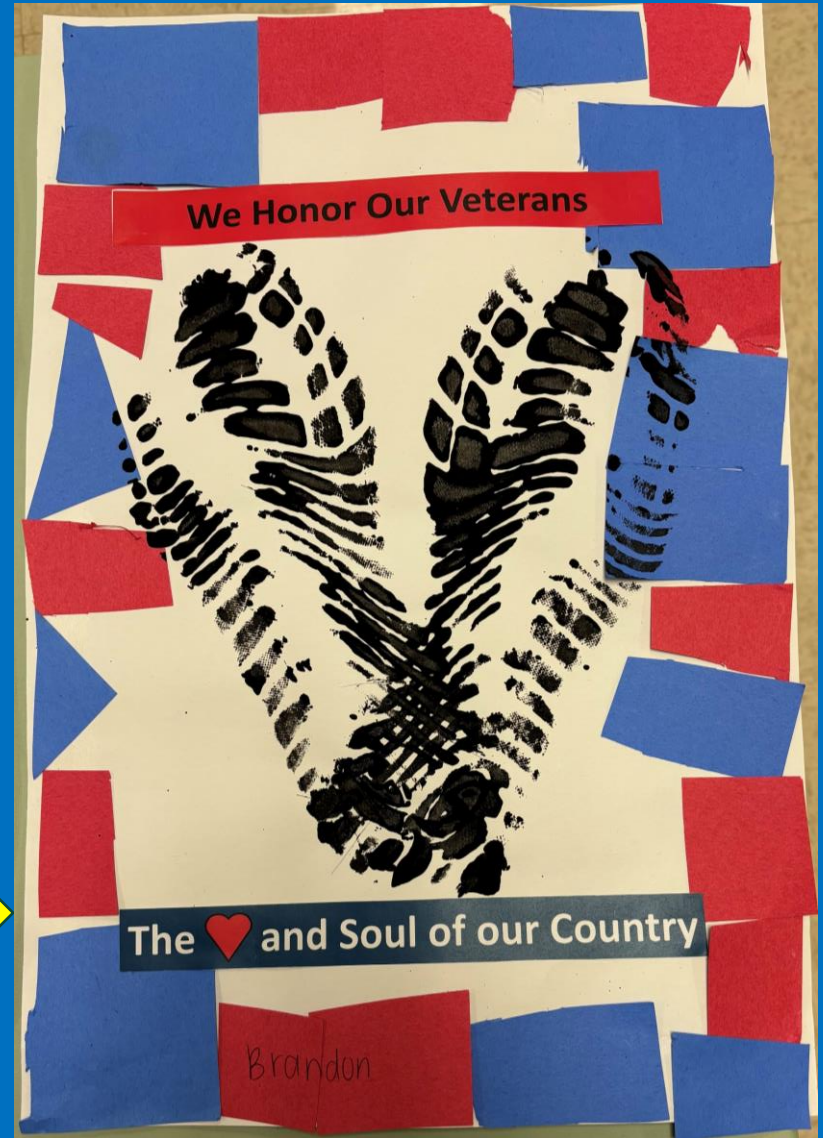
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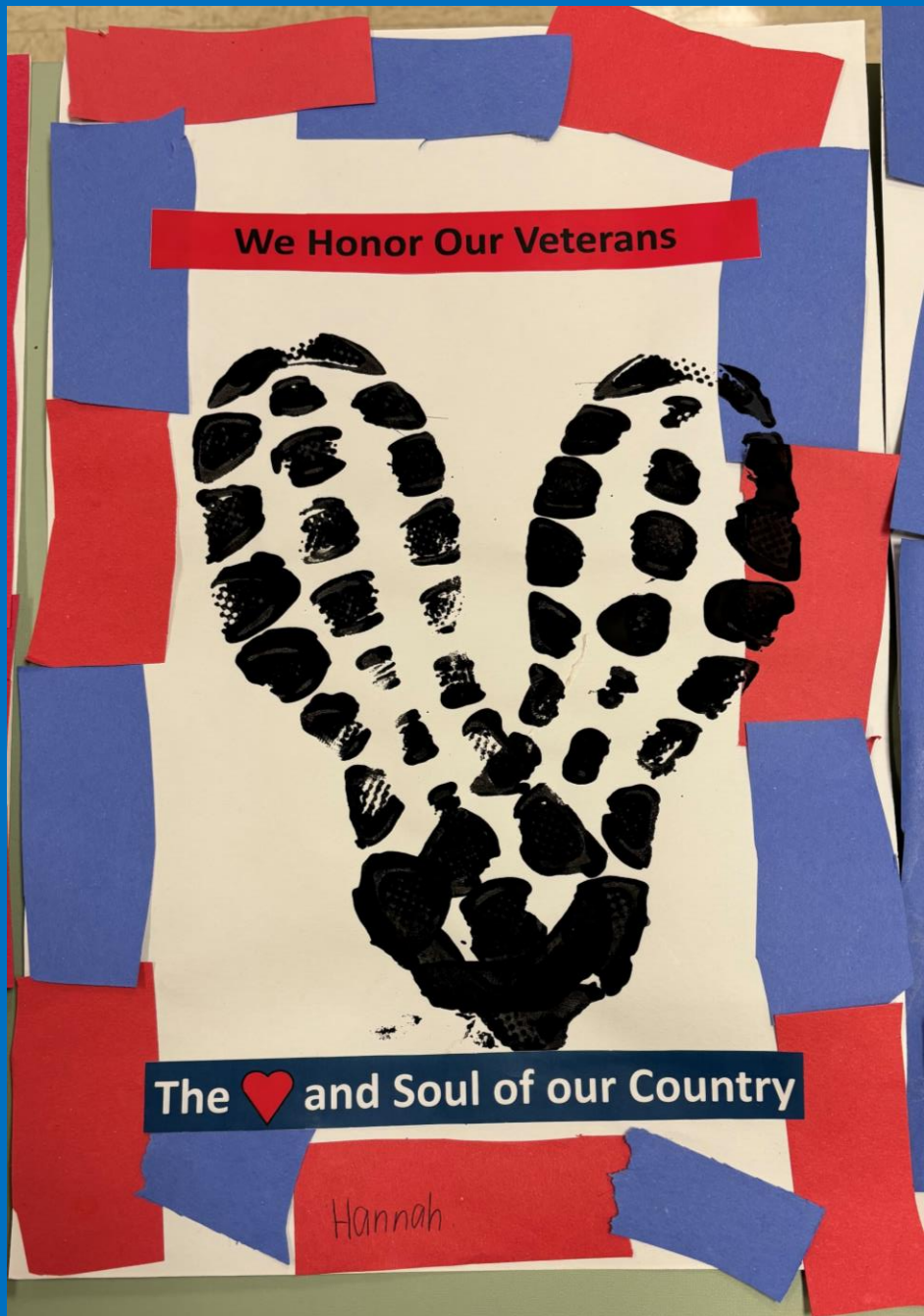


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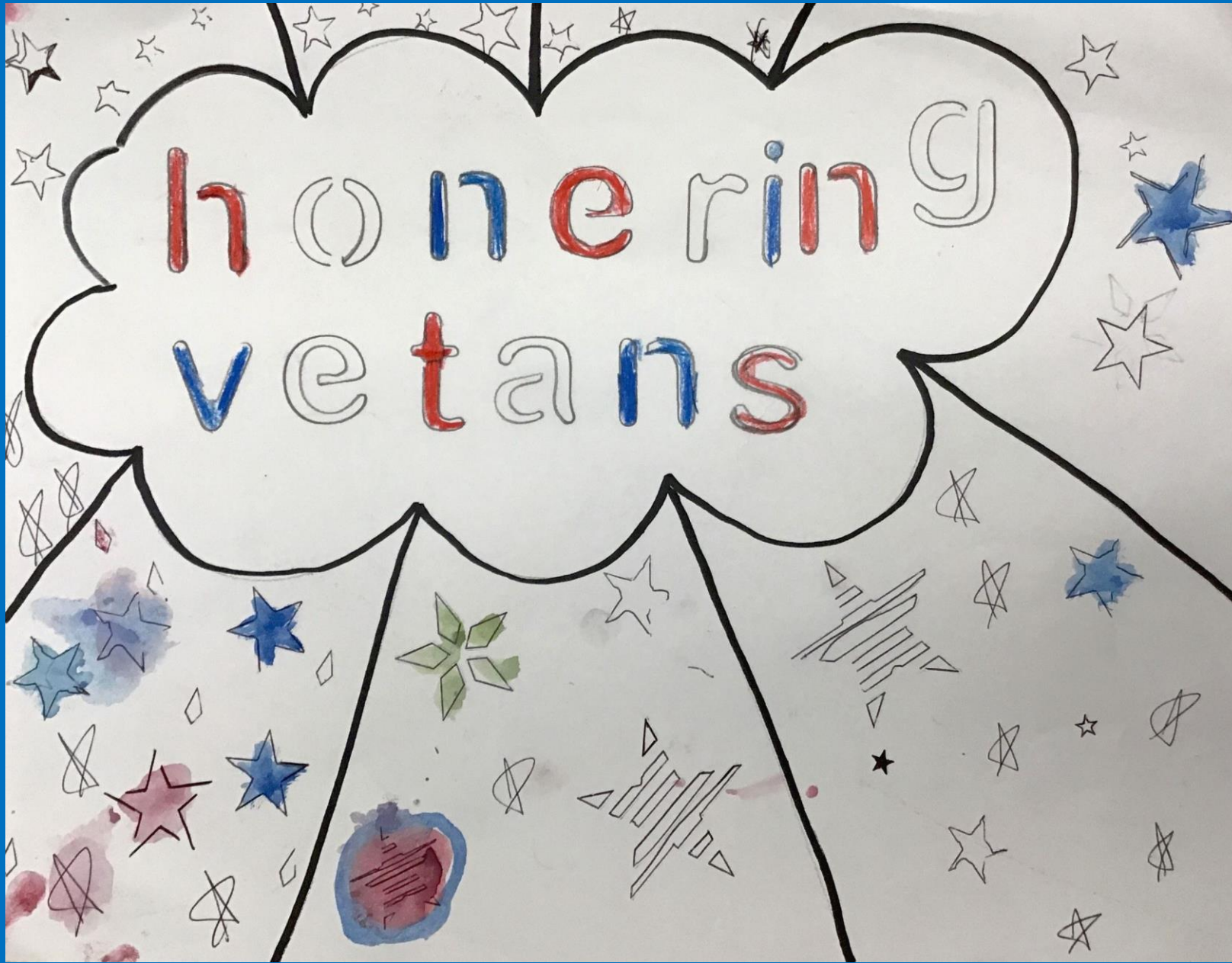
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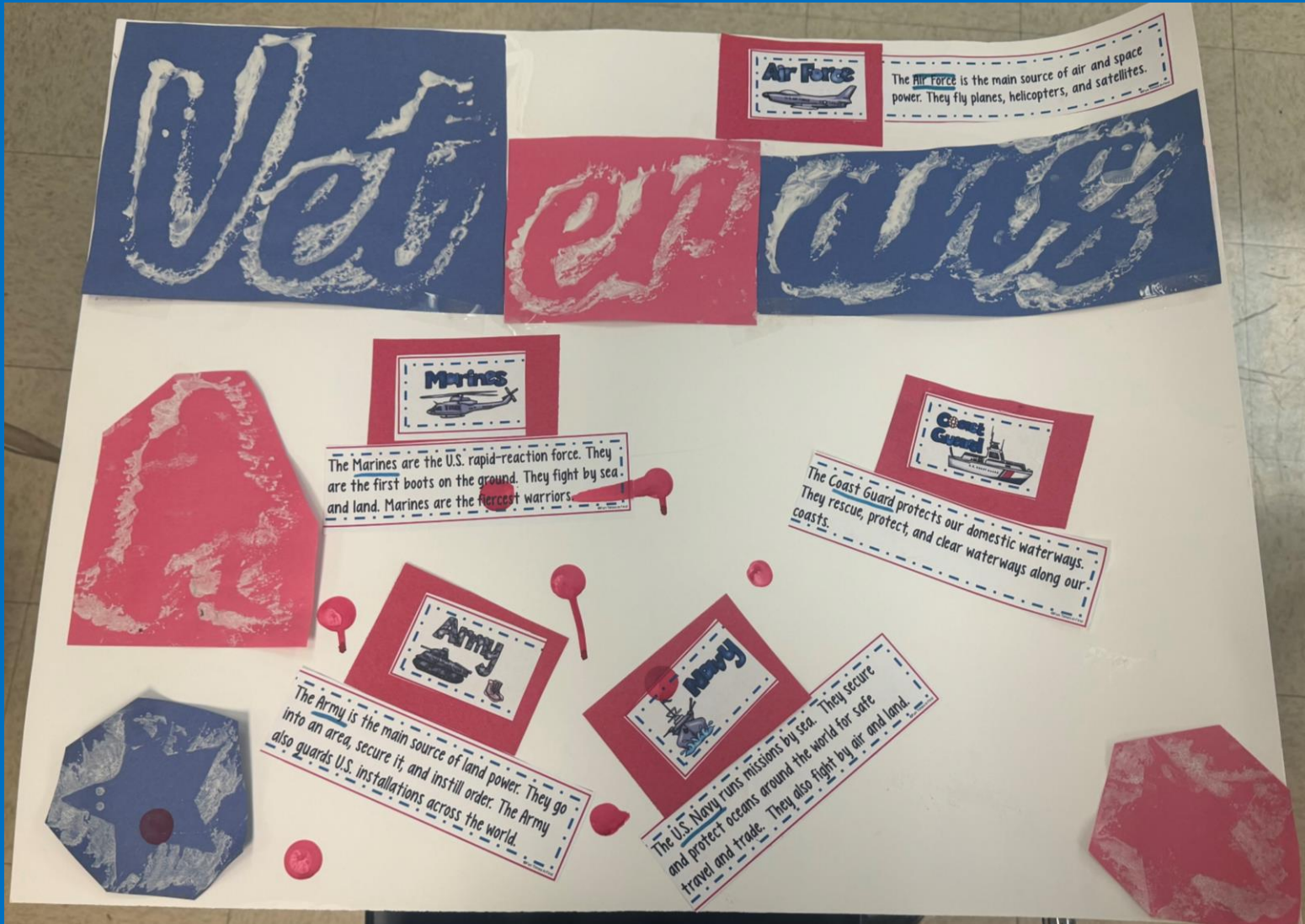


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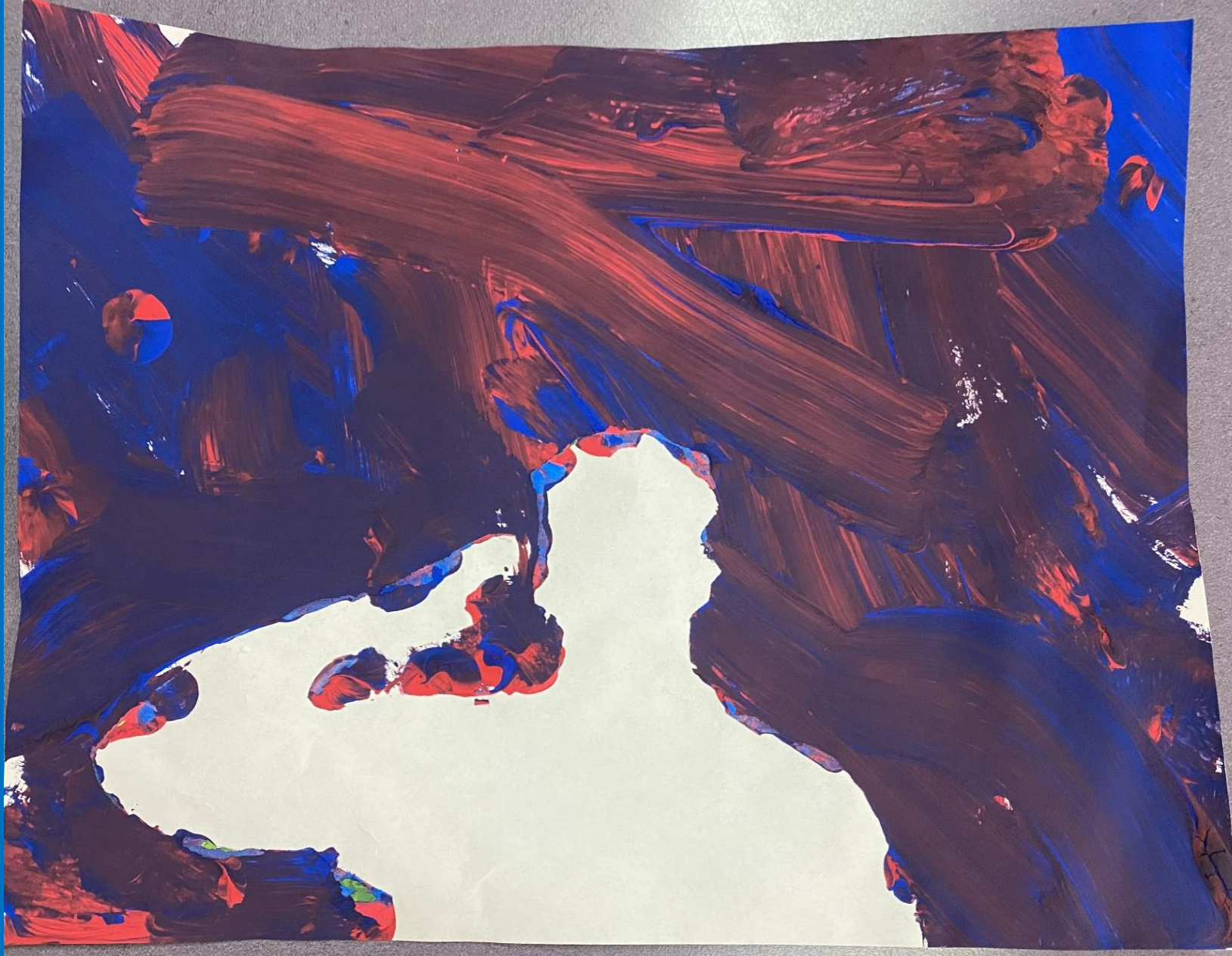
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Happy Veterans Day



Andrea

Andrea Falcon
9-12+
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Kania Dubose
6-8
Harford Academy



Owen Liddic
9-12+
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WE



OUR veterans

Thank you for your service

Jona Wills

Jona Wills

9-12+

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Honor Soldier

V Visit a cemetery.

E ENSure our safe country

T Treat me good

E Emotion sad and happy

R Relatives and friends help with letters.

A Appreciate the help us.

N Nation people protect

S Saving us.

Hannah Abbe
9-12+
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Honoring
YOU

1 Happy veterans day

2 TO YOU

3 you fought for our freedom

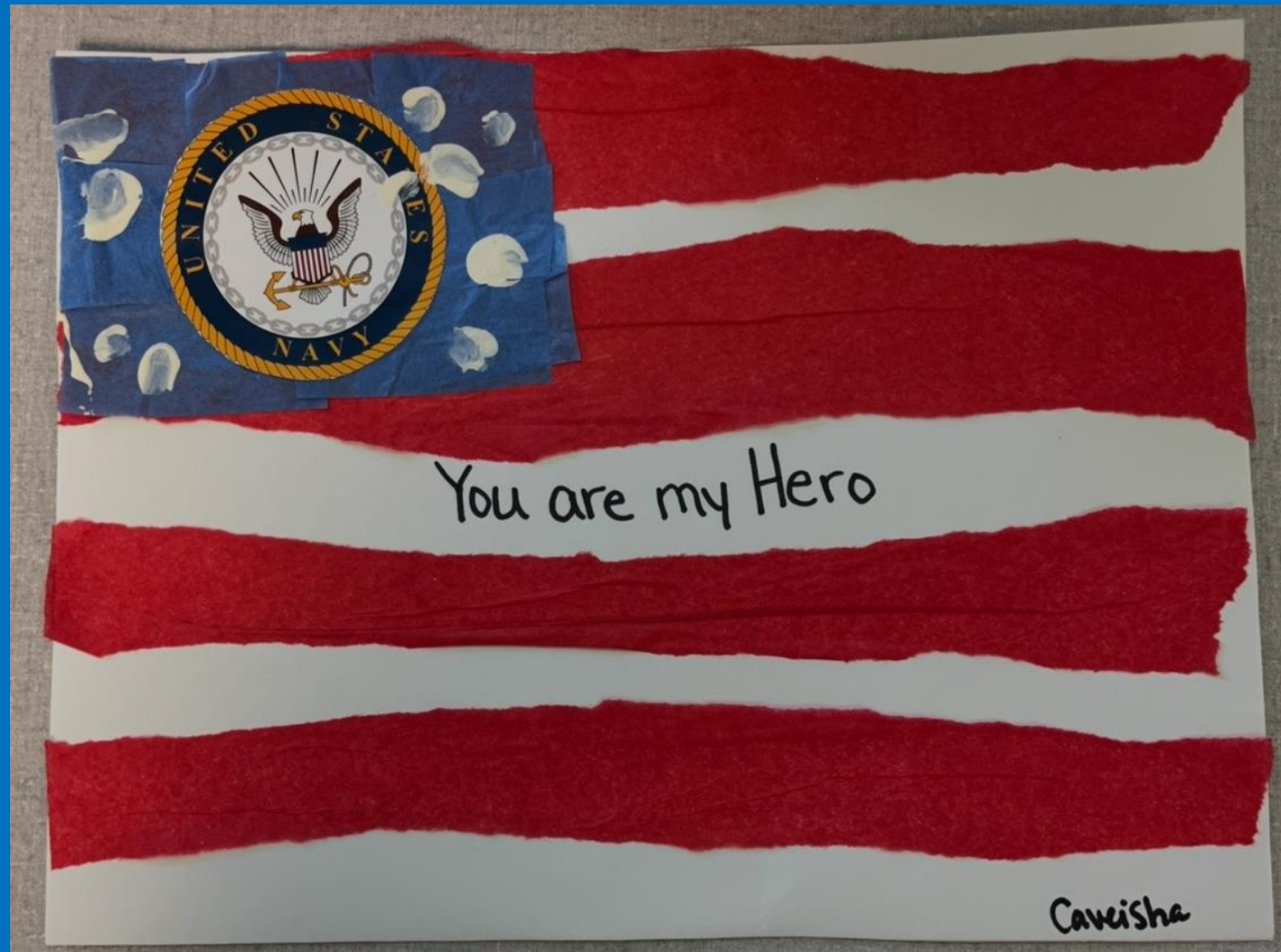
4 We Honor your Service

5 fighting to keep us free

6 Thank you for Serving our Country

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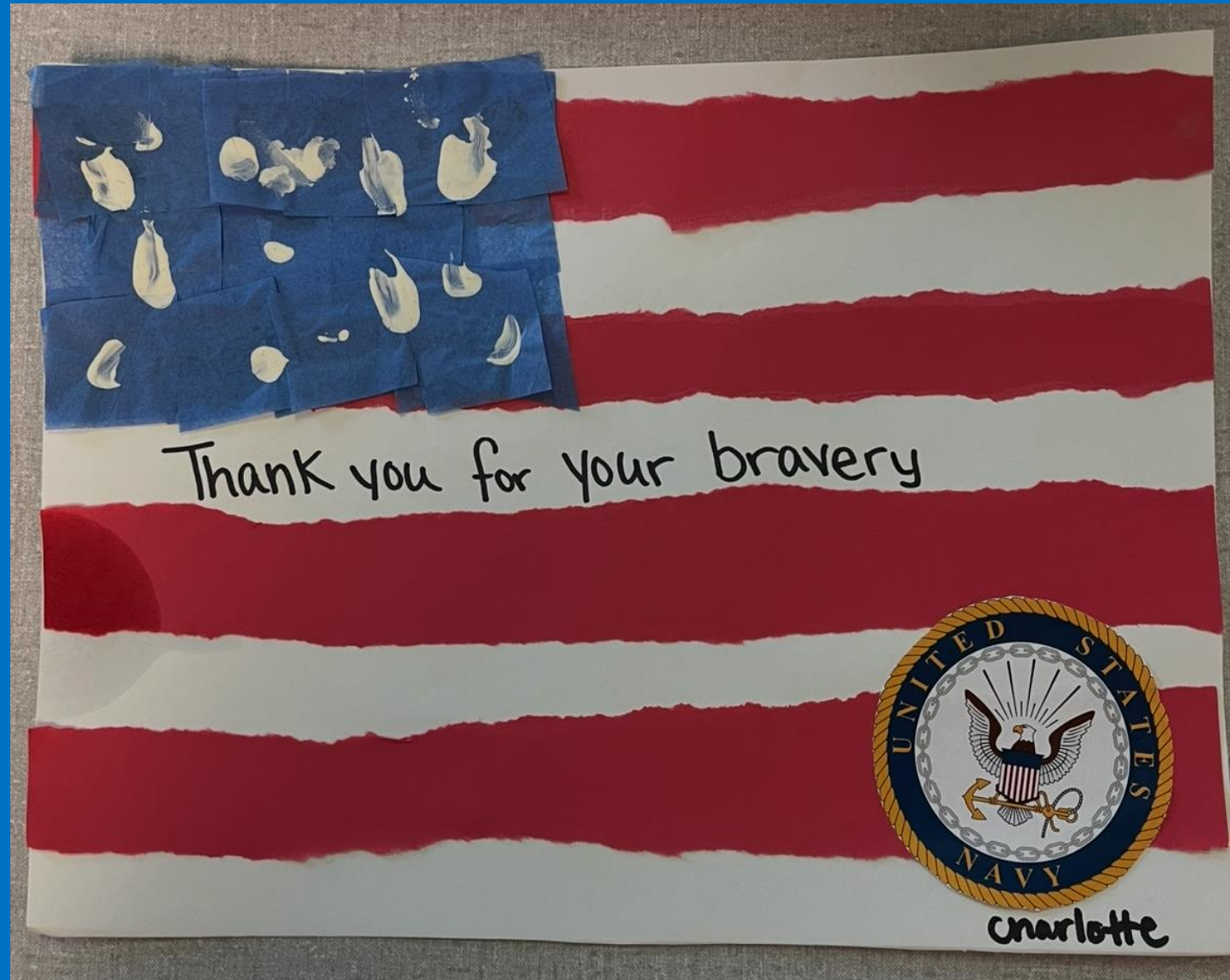
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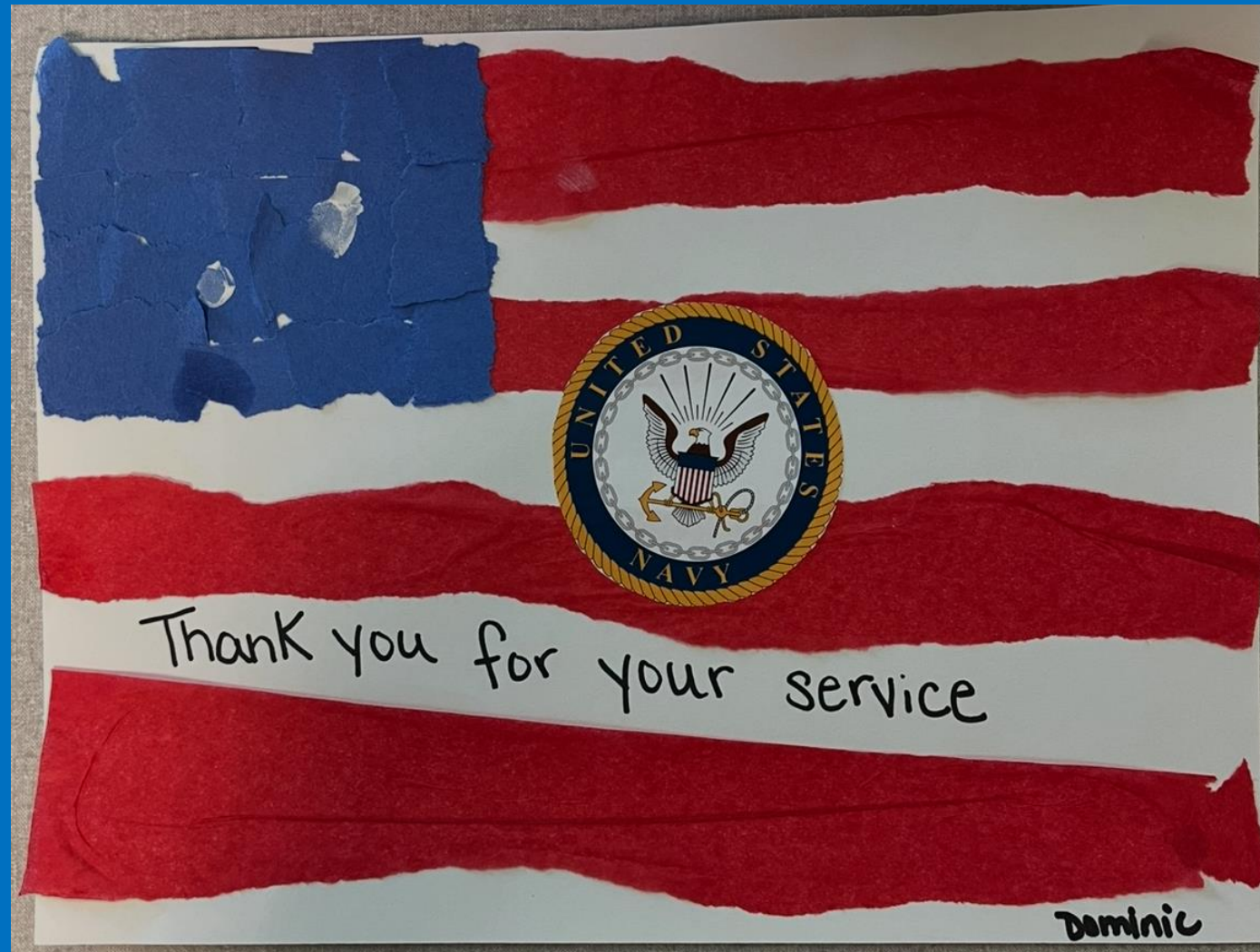
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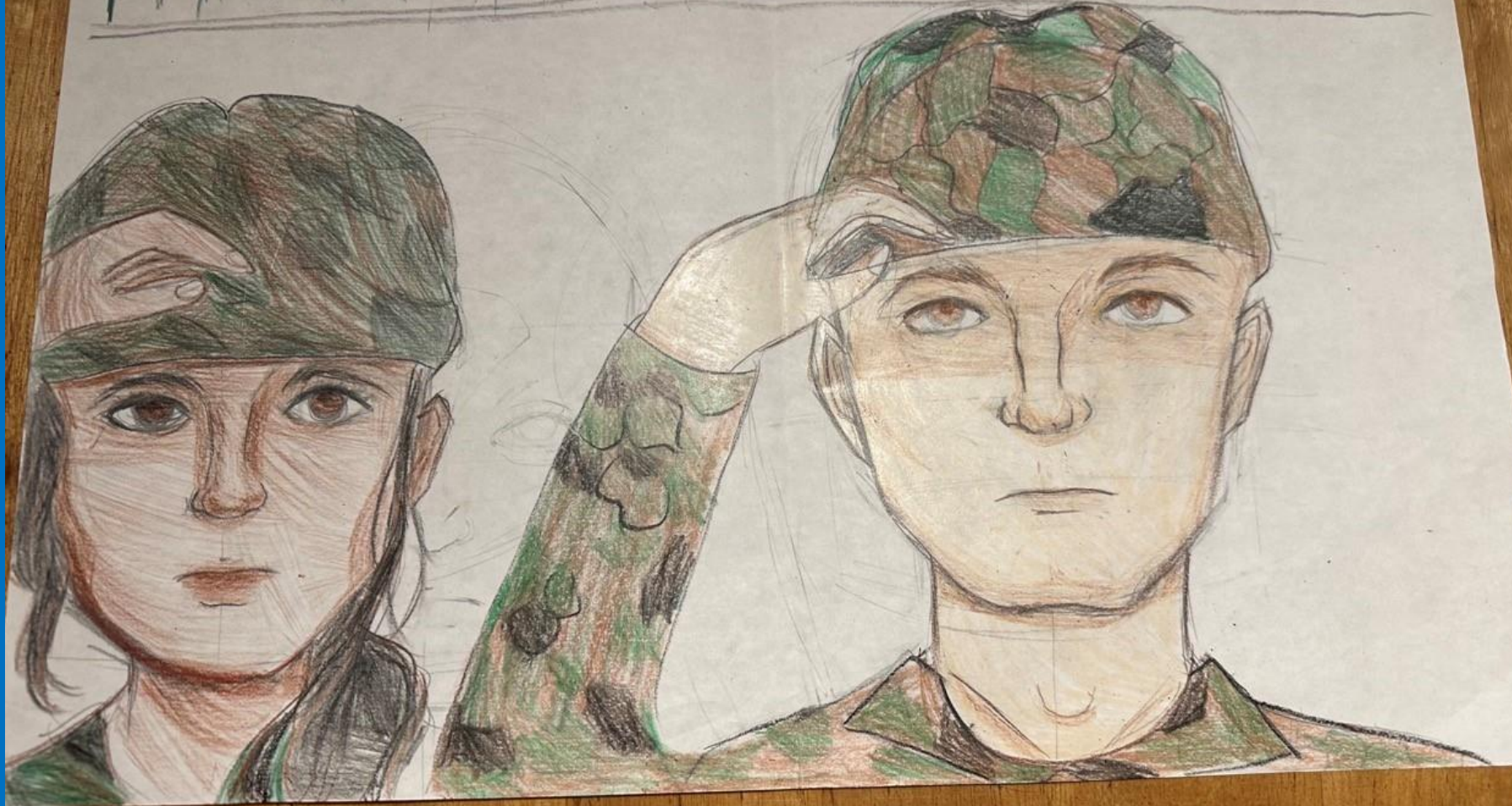


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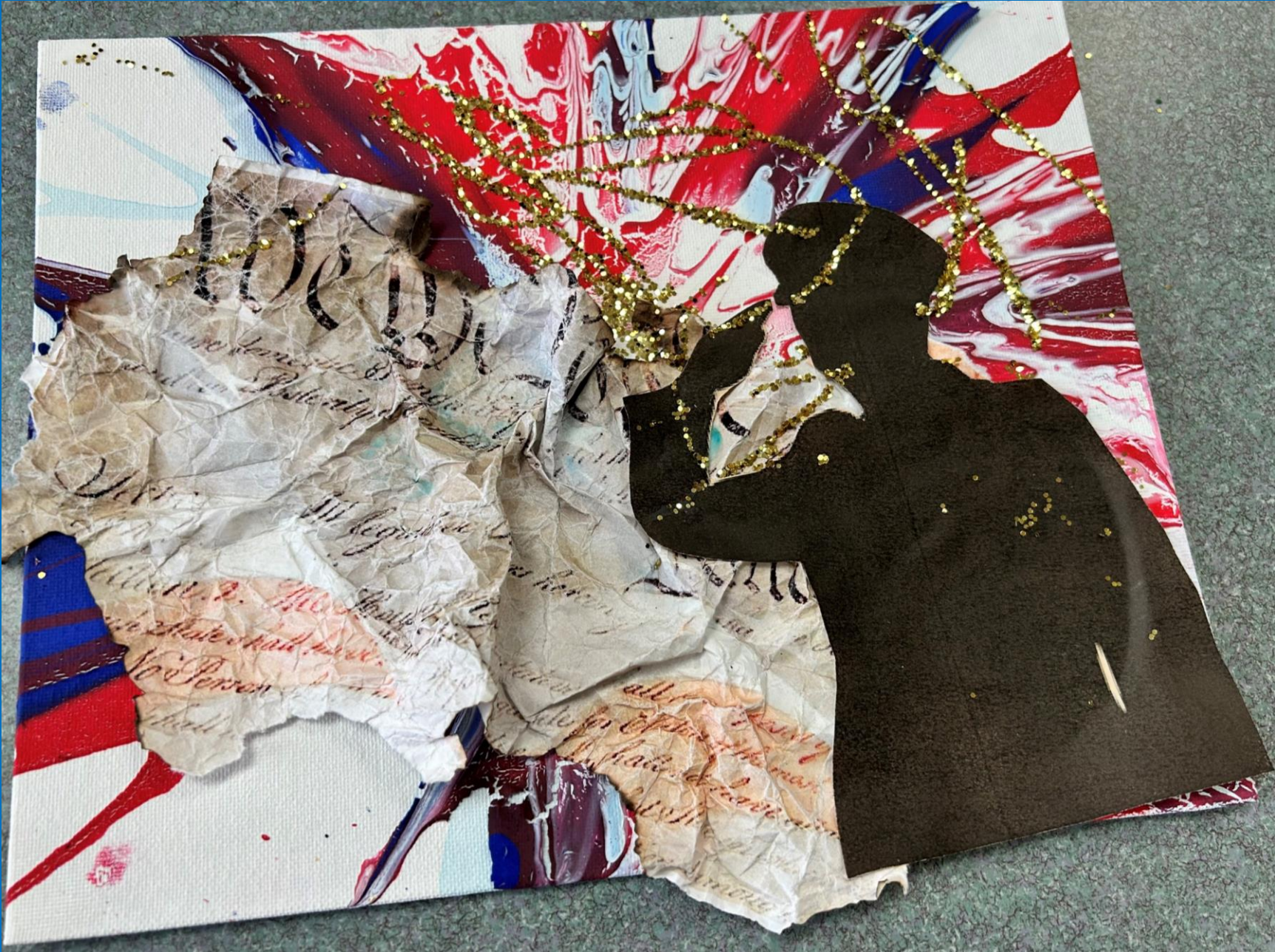


THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING



Katherine Meerdink
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WE WISH TO THANK THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF OUR VOLUNTEER JUDGES
WITHOUT WHOM THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE

Poster, Grade 3-5

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2. Kristy Breslin
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4. Liz Miranda
5. Wilbert Moutrie
6. Claudio Brown
7. William Warren
8. Joanna Reagan
9. Paige Boyle
10. Michele Freeman
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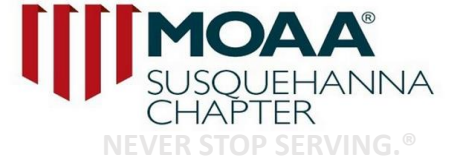
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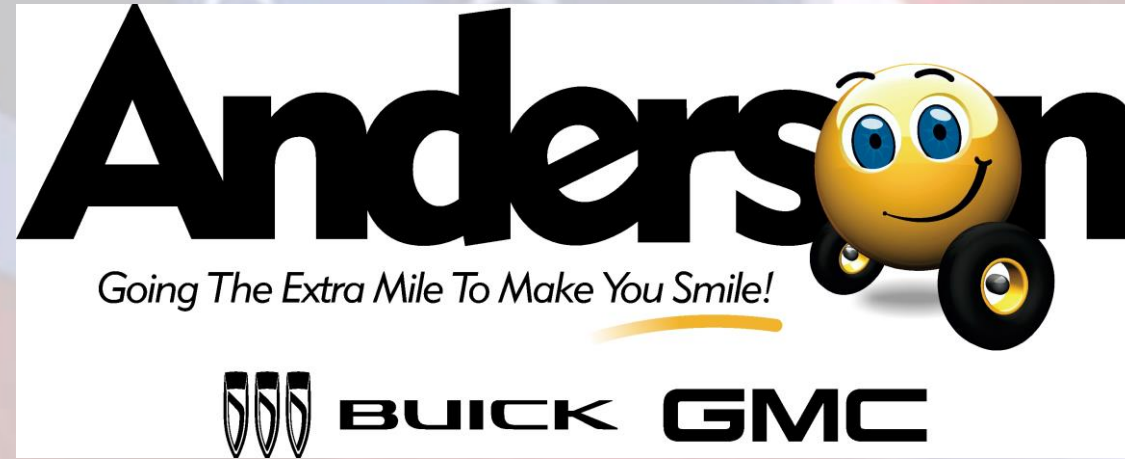
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