

The background of the entire image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a draped, wavy pattern. The colors are muted, with a soft blue, red, and white palette.

Susquehanna Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America  
presents

**2025 Veterans Day  
Poster & Essay Contest**

“Our military has existed for 250 years, longer than the United States itself. Since the beginning, our military has been a strong defender of freedom. While some aspects of the military has not changed, much of it has. The military continues to evolve over time, adding new weaponry and tactics. Throughout our nation’s 250 year history the military has seen changes in its soldiers, resources, and strategy.”

**Erwin Henz**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Harford Christian School**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay “250 Years and Beyond”**



Raelyn Roberts  
K-2  
Edgewood Elementary



“Since the Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence 250 years ago, America has changed, evolving our fundamental laws of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Military service has also evolved with each war America has fought in as African Americans and women have played an increasingly bigger role in every battle. Their service has helped America come from fighting for independence to being a beacon of democracy.”

**James Scalli**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Fallston Middle School**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay “Diversity Made the US a  
Global Superpower”**





Madeline Tyndall

3-5

Fountain Green Elementary School



“Veterans Day is one of the most important holidays in the United State. It’s a day to honor the men and women who have served in the military and protected our country, but Veteran’s Day wasn’t always the holiday we know today. Its name, meaning, and traditions have changed over time. What began as a celebration of peace after World War 1 has grown into a National Day of Appreciation for all who have served in the armed forces.”

Takayla Ellis

9<sup>th</sup> Grade

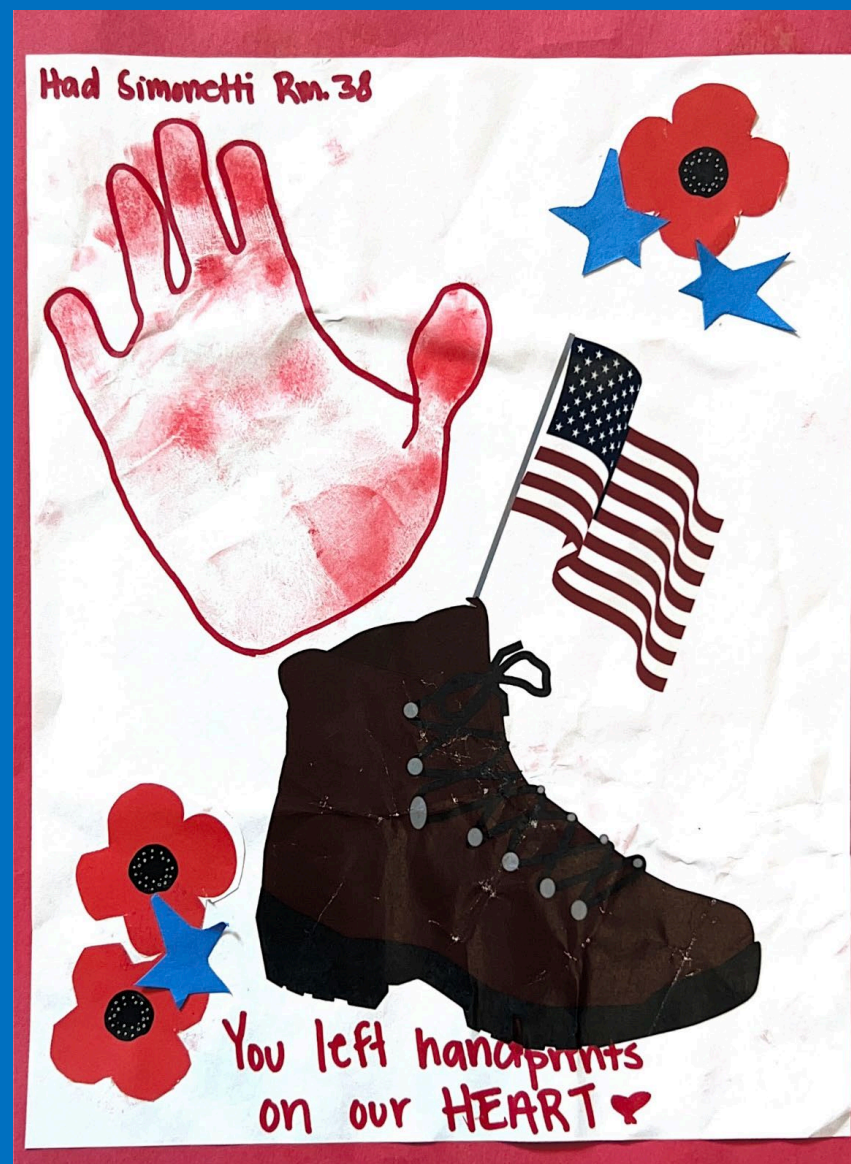
Joppatowne High School

2nd Place Essay

“How Veteran’s Day Has Changed Throughout the Years”



Had Simonetti  
K-2  
Harford Academy



“Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11th, is more than just a day off from school or work. It's a genuine and significant occasion dedicated to honoring the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This day provides an opportunity for the nation to reflect on the sacrifices made by veterans, to express gratitude for their service, and to maintain the commitment to supporting them long after they return home. Understanding the history, purpose, and continued relevance of Veterans Day is crucial for every citizen, especially young people, to foster a deeper appreciation for the freedoms and security they enjoy.”

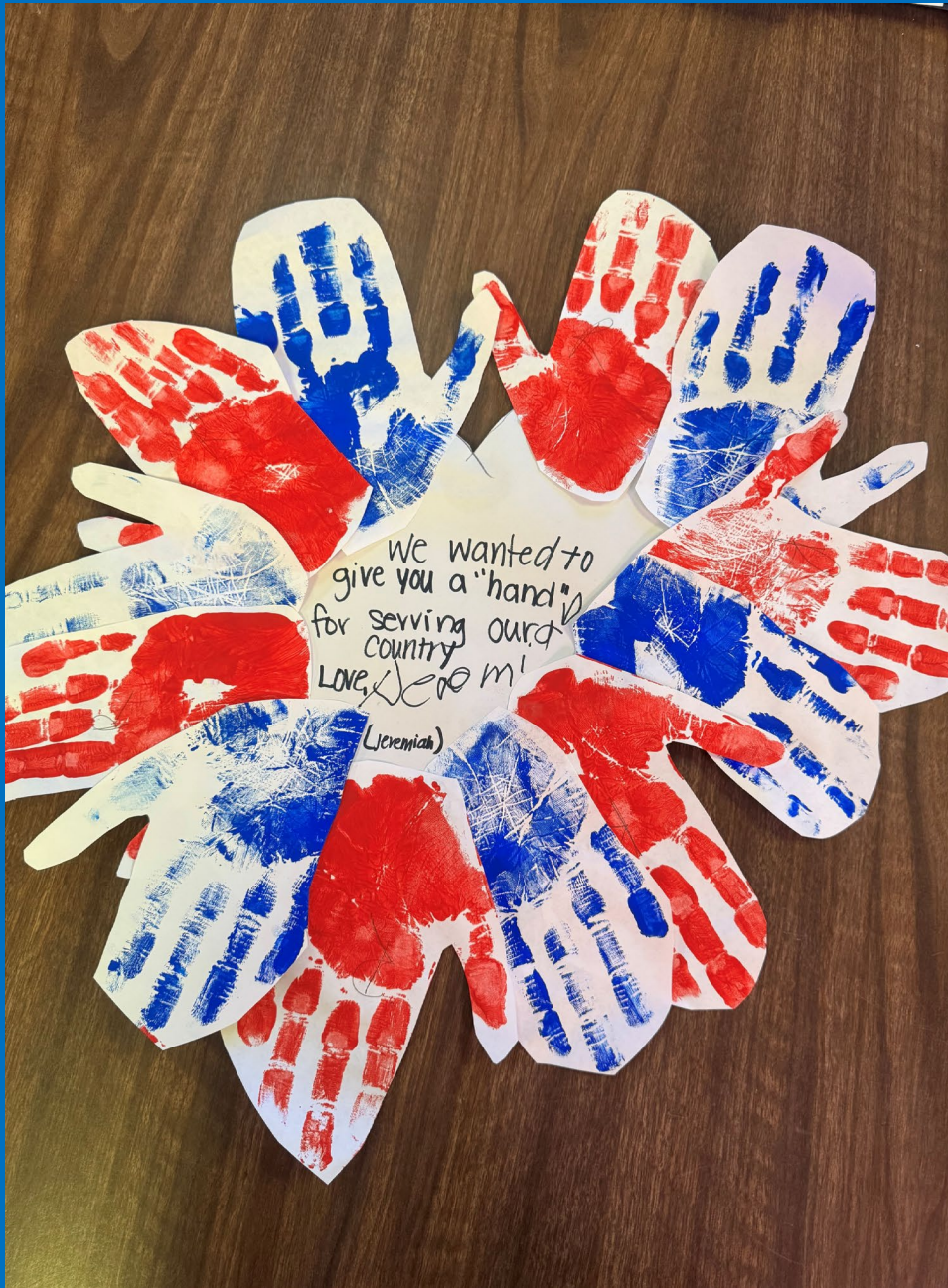
Timothy Chichester  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Joppatowne High School  
3rd Place Essay “Veterans Day”





Jordyn Solis  
3-5  
Harford Academy





Jeremiah Orpro-Abraham  
6-8 Grade  
Harford Academy

“Our nation’s military history has evolved over the past two hundred and fifty years. From military personnel to equipment, a lot has changed for the better... Much has changed over our nation’s two-hundred-and-fifty-year history. What hasn’t changed is America’s dedication to success and pride of our country.”

Veronika Koncewicz

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

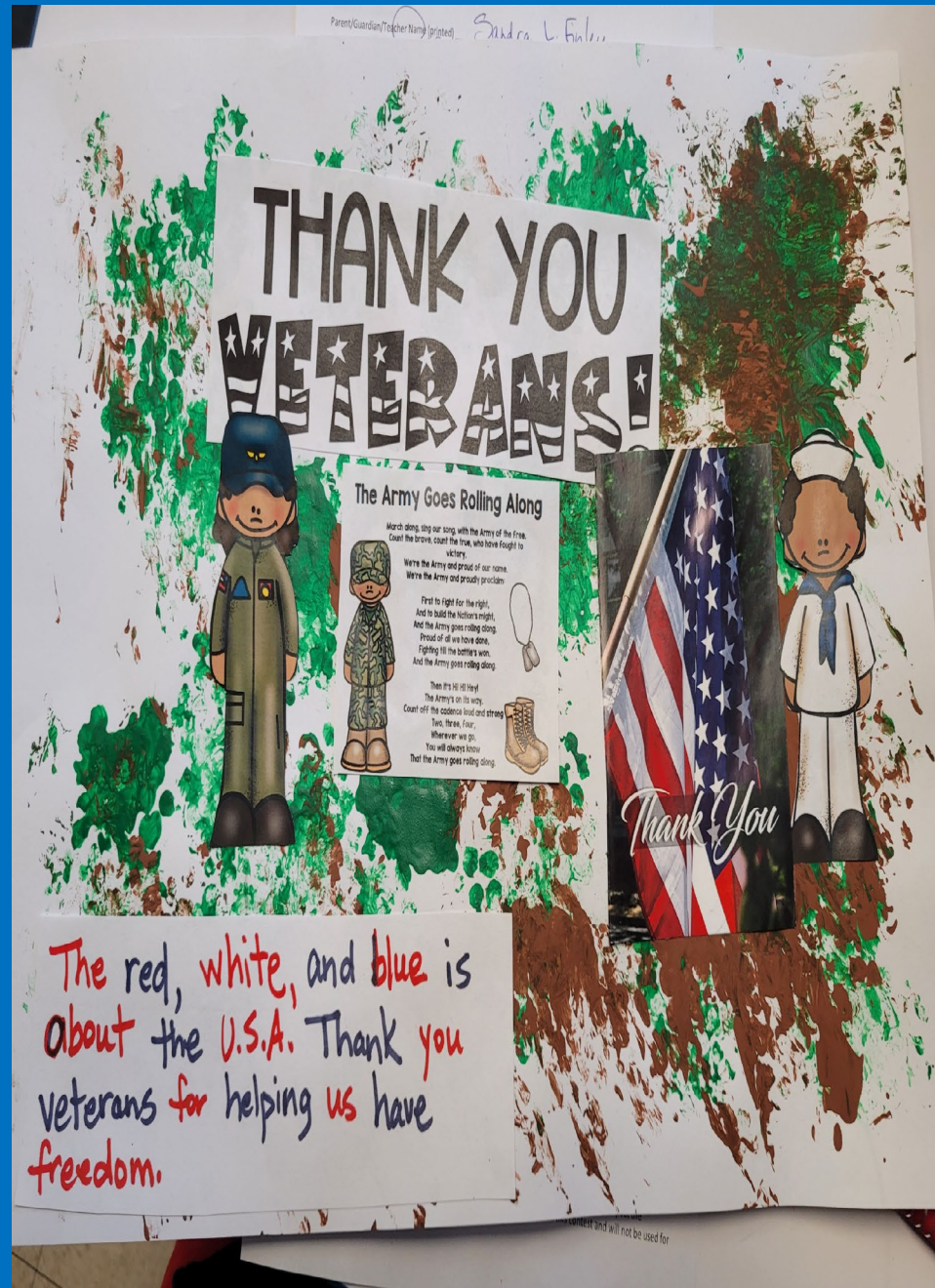
Havre de Grace Middle School

**3rd Place Essay “How the American  
Military Has Changed”**





Alex Murphy  
9-12+  
Harford Academy





“In the last 250 years the U.S. military, an army that started as a couple farmers and turned into the number one military. It has had many changes, from wood boats to steel warships, and muskets to automatic rifles. The United States Military has come a long way, thanks to our founding fathers, veterans, and current members of the military.”

Asher Baker

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Homeschool

**2nd Place Essay “The Evolution of the US Military”**



Cassandra Woolley  
3-5  
Fountain Green Elementary School







Micah Thornton  
K-2  
Harford Academy





James "Buddy" Lange  
3-5  
Harford Academy





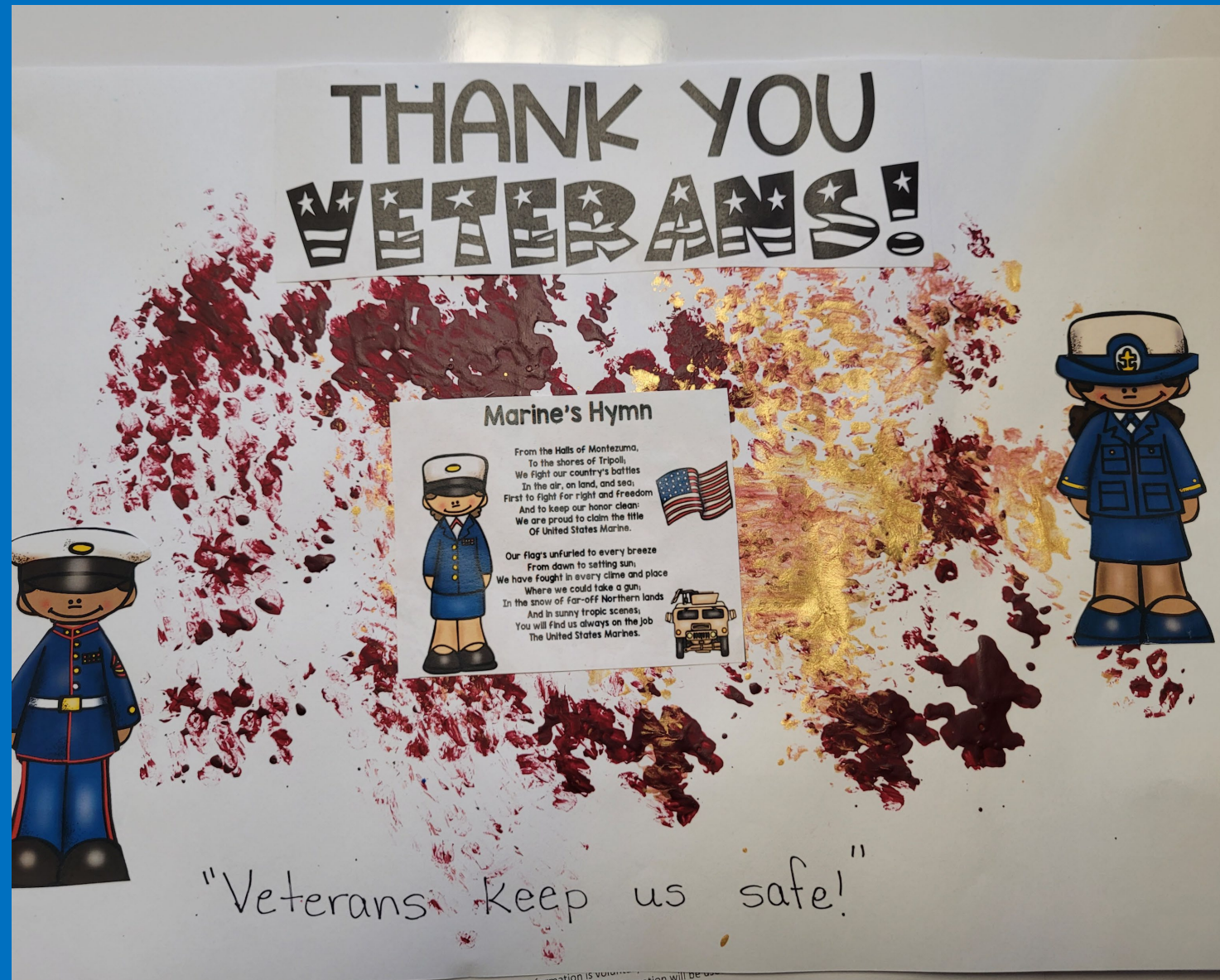


Addy Wardrope  
6-8  
Harford Academy





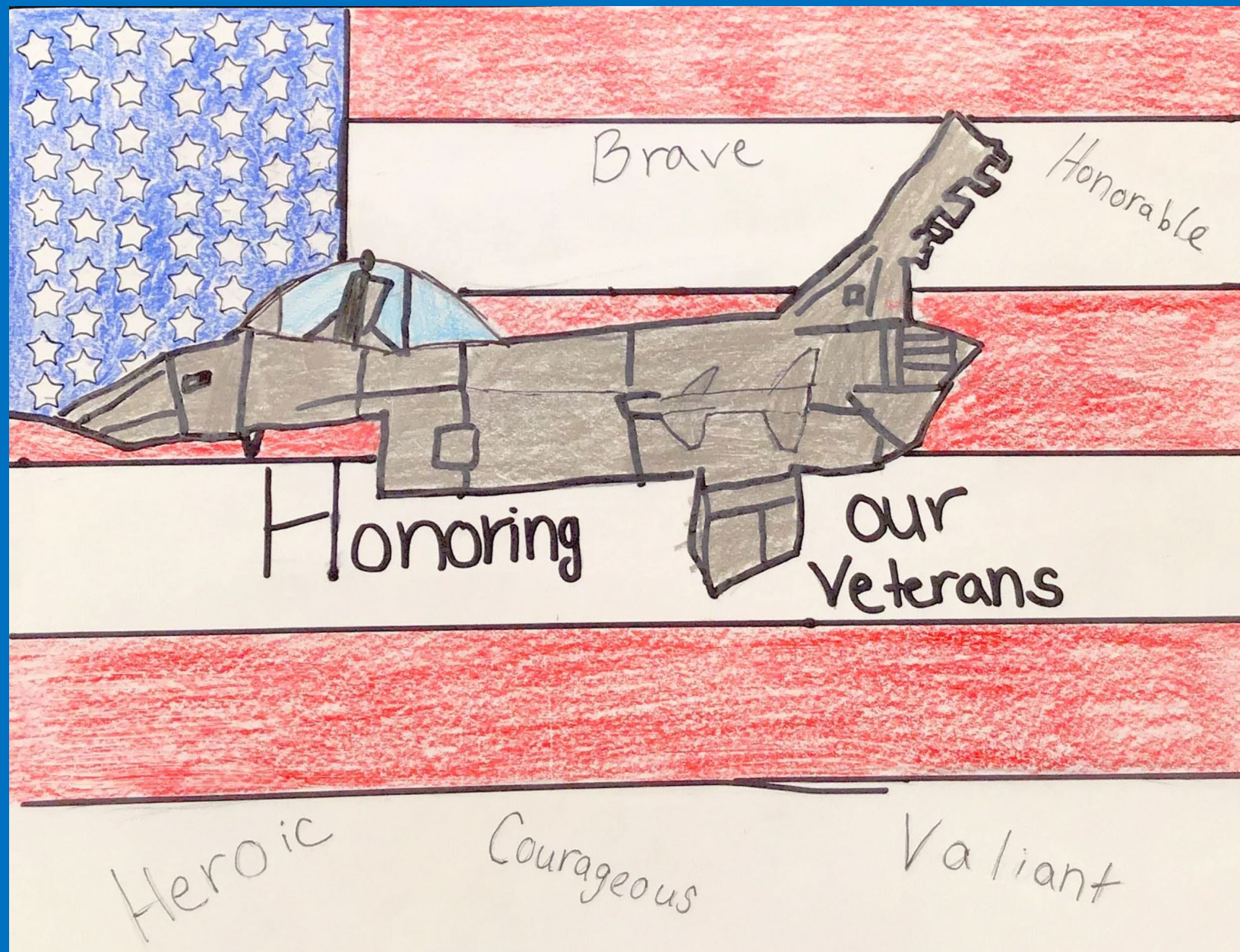
Y'Kiem Henry  
9-12+  
Harford Academy







Lucas Focht  
3-5  
Fountain Green Elementary School





Elyja Nelson  
3-5  
Harford Academy





King Copeland  
K-2  
Harford Academy



Loraine Reyes  
6-8  
Harford Academy





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9-12+  
Harford Academy

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9. Joanna Reagan
10. Paige Boyle
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12. Pam Silcox
13. Art Kaff
14. Liz Weigel

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2. Elizabeth Groover
3. Curran Atkinson

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3. Dona Schneider
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