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Medal of Honor recipient speaks with FACE-IT Residents

Young male residents enrolled in the Family and Community Engaged in Treatment (FACE-IT) program in Vernon Hills had the opportunity today to hear a special guest speaker talk about his military career and life experiences while serving in the United States Army. His name is Alfred V. Rascon and he is a National Medal of Honor recipient.

In 1966, Alfred Rascon served in Vietnam as a medic in a reconnaissance platoon. During the time spent in Vietnam, he sustained numerous injuries while treating and rescuing the wounded and saving soldiers' lives. Disregarding his own personal safety, and having been stricken with serious wounds to his hip, face and torso, he remained on the battlefield to continue to search and aid others until they could be evacuated. Specialist Fourth Class Alfred V. Rascon was awarded the distinguished Medal of Honor for his courageous and unselfish acts on February 8, 2000. The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. Generally, it is presented to its recipient by the President of the United States of America.

"Specialist Rascon's military story is amazing," said Chief Judge Victoria Rossetti. "As I looked around the audience, I could see that these young men were totally absorbed in hearing what Specialist Rascon had to say, and I believe it made a positive lasting impression on them."

FACE-IT is a residential treatment program for male juvenile offenders between the ages of 14 and 17. The program began in 1999 and is located at the Depke Juvenile Justice Center in Vernon Hills.

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