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VETERANS HONORED AT COURTHOUSE ON VETERANS' DAY

The Lake County legal community held its third annual Library of Congress Veterans' History Project on November 11, 2014, at the Lake County Courthouse. Thirty-four war veterans from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War met at the Lake County Courthouse for a breakfast reception and ceremony, which included remarks from several 19th Circuit Court Judges and performances by the U.S. Navy Bluejacket Choir from the Great Lakes Naval Base. The veterans were then individually interviewed and had their oral histories recorded by official court reporters. The typed transcripts will be archived in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress (<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>) for use by researchers and to serve as an inspiration for generations to come, making accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from the veterans.

The reception included Medal of Honor recipient Allen Lynch as a guest speaker. Allen served in the Army during the Vietnam War and earned a Medal of Honor for single handedly rescuing and defending wounded soldiers from enemy attack until locating a friendly force which could evacuate them. Among the veterans interviewed that morning was a U.S. Marine who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor and who later served aboard the USS Kershaw. Another World War II veteran was a First Lieutenant with the Army Air Corps who flew 51 missions over Germany out of England. One Vietnam War veteran earned several medals, including a Silver Star, two Purple Hearts, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. Also included among the veterans interviewed were three nurses and one member of the Red Cross.

One of the volunteers, Frederick Dempsey, a 26-year Navy veteran, observed that he enjoyed seeing the veterans enjoying themselves and that it was an honor to give back to the senior veterans. One of the interviewers, attorney Ari Friz, said he volunteered because he feels veterans are amazing people who have given so much of themselves for the country's freedom. One of the veterans interviewed, Korean War veteran Tony Boeckholt, commented that it was a great experience to share his story and that he was amazed with all the people that put the event together.

The Lake County legal community holds the Veterans' History Project annually on or around Veterans' Day each year.

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(Photos attached below)



