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## **Veterans Share Their “Reflections of Vietnam” Program with Kimberly High School Students**

**Kimberly, Wis. – April 19, 2017** – Students at [Kimberly High School \(KHS\)](#) experienced a history lesson like no other when veterans from the Vietnam War visited their school on April 13, 2017. [Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 - Appleton](#) brought their “Reflections of Vietnam” educational outreach program to the school.

The veteran’s program has two parts: a large display of artifacts and a speaking program. Larry Cavanaugh, President of Chapter 351, said the goal of the program is for the veterans to be able to share the human experience of the Vietnam War with students. The veterans were very candid in their reflections of military service during that time, sharing both the good and the bad. “The military not only teaches you how to survive but how to survive afterwards,” said Cavanaugh.



Larry Cavanaugh, President of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 351, tells Kimberly High School students about his experiences in the military.

Social studies classes visited the veteran’s massive artifact display where they interacted with those who served our country during the Vietnam War. During their lunch block, all students at KHS had an opportunity to visit the display and interact with the veterans.

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Wade Van Ryzin, a Vietnam veteran, speaks with students at Kimberly High School.

The display, which was 30 years in the making, contains everything from uniforms and mess kits, to photographs and retired weapons. Eight local veterans staffed the exhibit. They explained the items and their personal circumstances during the war to the students.

Being able to learn about history from the people who lived through it was a memorable opportunity for students. "It has been a very different experience learning from veterans instead of just out of

history books," said Charlie Fischer, a senior at KHS. "This was really a lot more powerful than learning about it in a classroom setting."

Hear from Larry Cavanaugh, Charlie Fischer and Brad Klitzke, a social studies teacher who helped bring the display to Kimberly High School, in this [WBAY story](http://www.wbay.com/content/news/Students--419440224.html) about the program

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Students at KHS listen as Rich Wangard speaks about his experiences during the "Reflections of Vietnam" display.

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The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,000 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).

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