

THE REMEMBRANCE PROJECT 2023 LAUNCH OVERVIEW

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NATIONAL K-12 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & THE FIRST STATESIDE REMEMBRANCE BOWL

LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

in partnership with

THE PATTON FOUNDATION, PATTON LEGACY SPORTS, OPERATION DEMOCRACY
THE AMERICAN LEGION, AMIS DES VÉTÉRANS AMÉRICAINS EN NORMANDIE



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TO HONOR & COMMEMORATE



During WWII, in the late Fall of 1944, with Paris secure and ultimate victory inevitable, a celebratory American football game was organized for Christmas Day. The 101st Airborne Division, who had already seen hard fighting in Normandy and the Netherlands, were stationed in the Champagne region, near Reims. The place of General Eisenhower's Allied Headquarters. The divisions held tryouts, formed teams, held practices and printed programs for what they named The Champagne Bowl. But then the Battle of the Bulge broke out and the soldiers were sent to the Ardennes, abandoning what would become known as:

The Game That Never Happened

In the immediate years after WWII, Operation Democracy was formed to provide humanitarian aid and to promote international goodwill on a person-to-person level. Operation Democracy assisted in matching overseas villages to similar ones in the US, called Sister Cities. The citizen committees of the two Sister Cities would then initiate a cultural exchange. Where that overseas village was in dire need as a result of war and displacement of population, the American Sister City would provide direct aid to their counterpart in Europe. Under Operation Democracy in 1947, Locust Valley located on Long Island in the state of New York, selected the village of Sainte-Mere-Eglise in Normandy, France as their Sister City. The Locust Valley community developed a strong and lasting relationship with the quaint war-ravaged village in France and aided not only the physical rebuilding through service and donations, but through a lasting cross-Atlantic friendship spanning the past 80 years.

In May of 2018, Patton Legacy Sports was formed by Helen Ayer Patton (General Patton's granddaughter) and Michelle Strauss (President Warren Harding's cousin) to honor General George S. Patton, Jr.'s athletic and Olympic legacy. One of their projects was to finally hold the Champagne Bowl. Together with the 101st Airborne Division paratroopers, the game was once again organized for June 2nd in Sainte-Mere-Eglise during the D-Day Commemorations and renamed the Remembrance Bowl. Beginning in 2022, the 82nd Airborne Division was invited to join the game to level up the competition factor, winning the first game. After the 101st Airborne Division win this year, it will be an exciting tie breaker at the D-Day Commemorations 80th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings in June 2024.

On September 23rd, 2023 the Remembrance Bowl took place for the first time in America. The student athletes represented the WWII soldiers who would have played in the game, many of whom never made it home. The spectators, sharing this sacred duty of remembrance, represented those who would have been there to witness this celebratory game.





EDUCATE THROUGH SPORT



Through our longstanding relationship with Operation Democracy, Patton Legacy Sports and The Patton Foundation learned about the unique Sister-City relationship of Locust Valley with the village of Sainte-Mere-Eglise in Normandy. In affiliation with LVCS and Operation Democracy; Locust Valley High School hosted the first ever Remembrance Bowl on US soil at their Homecoming on September 23, 2023. Together with these partners LVHS created a K-12 Remembrance Project Curriculum that linked American history specifically with WWII, patriotism and understanding of what Americans sacrificed for freedom -- aligning traditional academics and athletics.

The most ambitious of tasks involved hosting the Remembrance Bowl. It involved dedicating a scheduled Varsity Football game to the Bowl, and it involved a buy-in from the opposing team's school. The Remembrance Bowl was a unifying community event that brought together current students, community members, local Veterans, national and international organizations, and alumni. Locust Valley scheduled their Remembrance Bowl at their Homecoming to attract the greatest community participation, and aligned their Homecoming's Spirit Week theme to Stars and Stripes.

A pre-game ceremony was held showcasing the significance of the game -- To Educate Through Sport. The student athletes played in the shoes of those WWII soldiers who would never play. The Remembrance Bowl included customized jerseys and a jersey signing ceremony, as is done in France every year by the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions.

To assist in defraying costs for the undertaking, merchandise was created and sold by parent and student organizations to mark the special occasion. A Commemorative Journal was published, with local businesses, students, and parents purchasing journal ads to raise funds. In addition, a website was created to help raise money, and to post information for the events.





LAYING THE FOUNDATION



A HOW-TO GUIDE TO GETTING STARTED

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET THE REMEMBRANCE PROJECT UP AND RUNNING IN YOUR SCHOOL?

1. DISTRICT BUY-IN

- a. Schedule meetings with Key stakeholders at your school: this includes BOE, Superintendent, Subject Matter Coordinators, Athletic Director and K-12 Principals
- b. These meetings will set the tone for the scope of your project -- Is it curriculum, mini lessons, community events, the Remembrance Bowl?
- c. Set the date, and then get the wheels in motion

2. BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY TEAM

- a. Meet with and educate local interest groups, inform them of date, events, expectations for participation
- b. Groups may include, The American Legion, Parent Organizations, Booster Club, Libraries, Chamber of Commerce, Senior Groups, and all groups associated to the school
- c. Map out their participation, what are you asking of them, what would you like their involvement in? What are you doing to honor your local veterans?

3. IMPLEMENTING THE REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

- a. Every district can participate in the Remembrance Project in a way that is annual and scalable.
- b. Curriculum K-12 based on NYSED standards.
- c. Assemblies, who are the individuals in your town that can come and speak to K-12 student bodies?
- d. Showings of "The Sixth of June" and "The Mother of Normandy", for students, parents, and community members
- e. Veterans Appreciation event, could be a breakfast, luncheon, or invitation to a special school event honoring their service
- f. The Remembrance Curriculum can be tied into existing events in your district



FLAGS FOR FREEDOM



Through our 10-year partnership with Operation Democracy, Locust Valley CSD has held an annual Flags for Freedom Ceremony around Memorial Day. With our local American Legions, Parent Councils/PTA's and Booster clubs, the organizations give each graduating senior an American Flag, a Pocket Constitution and a Declaration of Independence.

The ceremony is intimate and solemn, with a keynote speaker, a brief history of the flags symbolism and a demonstration of folding the flag, usually done by visiting active duty service members or veterans.

The students line up and meet our Veterans face to face as each Veteran passes off the gift of the flag to each student. The moment is poignant and beautiful with words exchanged from older generations to the younger.

Our Seniors leave our District with their own flag, to honor, protect and revere wherever their adult lives may take them.

OPERATION DEMOCRACY'S 8TH ANNUAL LOCUST VALLEY

Flags for Freedom

CEREMONY
2023

OUR HONORED GUESTS, VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN, JOINED OUR GRADUATING SENIORS ON MAY 30TH IN A TRADITION OF RECEIVING THEIR OWN FLAG AS THEY LEAVE LV AS YOUNG ADULTS.

CARRYING WITH THEM THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE FLAGS IMPORTANCE, CARE AND SYMBOL OF FREEDOM THAT UNITES EACH OF US AS AMERICAN CITIZENS.



LOCUST VALLEY 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 5:30PM PRE-CEREMONY RECEPTION WITH HELEN PATTON, BY INVITATION (LOCATION TBD)
- 7:00PM CEREMONY TO SIGN THE GAME JERSEYS
LVCSD AUDITORIUM AND GYMNASIUM
99 HORSE HOLLOW RD, LOCUST VALLEY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 11:00AM KICK OFF LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER
THE CRESCENT BEACH CLUB
333 BAYVILLE AVE, BAYVILLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:00AM VETERANS & VIP'S BREAKFAST - 2 LOCATIONS
FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS:
THE OLDE PLACE, 424 BAYVILLE AVE, BAYVILLE
FOR PARADE OBSERVERS:
- 10:30AM LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT, 228 BUCKRAM RD, LV
- 11:00AM HOMECOMING PARADE START
- 1:15PM REMEMBRANCE BOWL CEREMONY, LVHS FRED SMITH FIELD
- 1:45PM HOMECOMING GAME COIN TOSS
- 2:00PM HOMECOMING GAME KICK-OFF
- 7:00PM HSPC POST-GAME PARTY FUNDRAISER
THE OLDE PLACE, 424 BAYVILLE AVE, BAYVILLE





THE REMEMBRANCE PROJECT CONTEST



High school senior students have the opportunity to enter a contest highlighting their understanding of "Remembrance." Winners of the contest will join a group traveling to Normandy to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Students must be eligible to travel between the dates of June 3-10, 2024.

How to enter the "Remembrance" contest: Please choose from one of the options on the adjoining page to develop your submission and highlight the theme "Remembrance."

LITERARY ENTRY

To submit in this category, the entrant will have written in a category which may include: poetry, literary essay, reflection, narrative, play script, monologue, short story. The piece must be typed and must not exceed 1,500 words; include a word count at the end of the piece. The piece may be written in a language other than English; if so, the translation into English must be a part of the submission.

PHOTOGRAPHY

To submit an entry, the photograph/s must have been taken, and edited, by the entrant. A single photo or a collection of up to three photos may be submitted; all photos should include a title and/or description. If submitting in this category, submit a/n image(s) of the photos into the google classroom and also submit the original photo(s). Prints can be no smaller than 4 x 6 and no larger than 8.5 x 11.

SHORT FILM

To submit in this category, the entrant must be the producer, editor, screenwriter and cinematographer. The entrant may be an actor in the film. The sole entrant to the contest is eligible to win. The short film must be between two and five minutes in length.

CHOREOGRAPHY

To submit in this category, the dance choreography must be created, developed and performed by the entrant. If the dance includes an ensemble, the sole entrant to the contest is eligible to win. The video of the choreography must be between two and five minutes in length.

VISUAL ARTS

To submit in this category, submit an image of the visual piece into the google classroom and also submit the original artwork. Artwork may include: sculpture, stained glass, painting, drawing, collage, computer generated images, ceramics, jewelry, crafts, mixed media and/or clothing designs. All art should include a title and/or description.

MUSIC

To submit in this category, the entrant must be the composer. The entrant may also be the performer. The sole entrant/composer of the music is eligible to win. Audio recording must be between two and five minutes in length. Music should include a title and/or description.





SOCIAL MEDIA

LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Facebook Locust Valley Central School District

Locust Valley Central School District
August 4 at 4:06 PM · 🌐

When the Locust Valley Falcons and Cold Spring Harbor Seahawks take to Fred Smith Field for the Remembrance Bowl homecoming game on Sept. 23, the teams will stand in for the American troops who liberated France during World War II.

Members of the 101st Airborne Division were not able to play the Champagne Bowl in 1944 to celebrate their victory in France, but decades later the modern unit was able to compete thanks to the efforts of the Patton Foundation and Operation Democracy. Since 2018, members of the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions have played a flag football game during D-Day celebrations in Locust Valley's sister city of Sainte-Mere-Eglise.

The Falcons will take part in the historic first state-side Remembrance Bowl celebration in front of veterans, dignitaries, family and friends.

Historical Background Post
Facebook - August 4, 2023





THE REMEMBRANCE PROJECT PARTNERS



Website	(in development)
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