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BLOG: MILITARY VETERAN GSAS VISIT RSEC

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Today Gretchen Z., Vivian V., Dick C., and myself (Joe R) were the guests of the RSEC (Regional Services Education Center) in Amherst to honor veterans for their military service. Their students were High School youth with special needs and are taught how to be successful in life.

It started with conversations with the students at our different tables and later an outside BBQ. We met Florin, Josselyn and Douglas to name a few. Florin had an interesting past as he was adopted from a Romanian orphanage. He is a champion high speed skier and track participant and related his recent visits to Rwanda in Central Africa and other European places.

The students asked us many questions, mostly related to our military experiences as well about the world in general. Florin was particularly interested in the places we had visited and about the possibility of joining the military. Douglas was very interested in military history and had seen many war time TV documentaries.

The staff prepared a nice lunch and the students were happy to assist us as well as taking pictures. One group photo is attached. All in all, it was a very interesting experience and different than the last time some of us were there for similar activities. They made us feel right at home.

Joe Reisert

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