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MEMORANDUM NO. 2019-059

TO: District Superintendents
High School Principals

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: April 22, 2019

SUBJECT: Student Volunteer Opportunity: My Life, My Story

STUDENT SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP VETERANS

The Veteran's Administration (VA) in Cheyenne is providing an opportunity for junior or senior high school students to each write a summary story (500 to 1,300 words) about a military veteran from an interview conducted at the VA medical facility. Each story will be included in the veteran's medical record. The program also benefits students by connecting them to, and learning from, men and women who helped protect the nation and preserve our way of life.

2019 Student Volunteer Timeline:

April 22 - May 8: Teachers and administrators recruit interested qualifying students. Students are vetted by the school for their ability to serve in capable, positive, and supportive ways.

May 8 - May 22: School administrators submit student volunteer names and contact information to Mary Lee from the Cheyenne VA Medical Clinic at mary.lee@va.gov.

May 22 - May 29: Each participating student is paired with a veteran and is contacted for a training date and time (est. one hour total).

May 29 - June 30: Students are trained, sign applicable participation forms, and interview their assigned veteran. The student will take notes and record observations to capture the essence of the veteran's communicated experience.

July 1 - July 31: Students write their summary story on their veteran's experiences, network with the veteran on any corrections, and arrive at the finished/approved story.

On or before August 1: Final stories are electronically submitted to Mary Lee.

While there is no charge to participate – all students' incidentals, insurance, time, etc. will be provided by the student or his or her parents, as applicable. Both the training and the interviews will be held at the VA Medical Center, 2360 East Pershing Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82001.

For more information, contact Mary Lee, Veteran's Experience Officer, at 307-778-7550 ext. 7073 or mary.lee@va.gov, or Bruce Hayes, WDE Education Consultant, at 307-777-6198 or bruce.hayes@wyo.gov.