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## Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick W. McDermott and Archbishop Williams High School to host reading of students' "Youth & Valor" veterans' essays

Braintree, MA – Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick W. McDermott and Archbishop Williams High School will host an inspiring reading of essays about local veterans during a "Youth and Valor" assembly on Friday, May 2nd, at the school's campus in Braintree.

Youth and Valor is a program of the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office that combines both youth and veteran outreach efforts.

Twenty-four young women and men from Archbishop Williams' Students for Heroes Club interviewed eleven alumni veterans on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Since then, the students have been working on essays that detail each veteran's story of sacrifice and service to the country.

"The Youth and Valor program is an amazing way to connect generations and honor the service of our local veterans," said Sheriff McDermott. "We are all excited to hear the students' essays."

The essays will be presented to the veterans on Friday, May 2nd, during an assembly, which will feature the Norfolk County Sheriff's Color Guard and remarks from the school's president, Dennis M. Duggan.

The alumni veterans involved have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the National Guard.

"My office is dedicated to supporting veterans with initiatives like this and our House to House for Heroes veterans outreach effort," said Sheriff McDermott. "Our Youth Leadership Academies, which run each summer in Braintree and Medway, support hundreds of youths across Norfolk County."

The program will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday inside the gymnasium at Archbishop Williams High, 80 Independence Ave, Braintree.