

Pattonville recognizes veterans with diplomas

Pattonville High School took time during recent commencement ceremonies to honor some of America's veterans. Four honorary high school diplomas were awarded on May 31 to veterans who served during conflicts on foreign soil.

Pattonville is participating in a state program, called "Operation Recognition," that is sponsored by the Missouri Veterans Commission and Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This year, Pattonville awarded seven diplomas to veterans of foreign conflicts. Three opted to receive the diplomas by mail, but the remainder participated in the ceremony. Honorary graduates who participated in the ceremony also received a medal from the school district, as well as an American flag, in appreciation for service to their country.

John Cornell, an Army veteran who served in the Korean War, graduated alongside his granddaughter, Claudia Jones. His brother, Army Veteran Love Cornell, also graduated the same evening. He served in the Korean War as well. Also honored with diplomas were Calvin Sweeney, an Air Force veteran who served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and Richard Topp, a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army.

For more information on the honorary high school diploma program, call Pattonville's community relations office at (314) 213-8025.