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A group of war veterans from Tioga County visited Owego-Apalachin Middle School Wednesday to talk about their experiences during war. The veterans, ranging from World War Two to the War in Iraq, talked to students in Mr. Bartlo's eighth grade social studies class.

Groups of students were assigned to a specific veteran and had to ask questions about military life.

Jim Raffitis of VFW Post 1371 in Owego said it's good for both students and veterans to talk about the past together.

Raftis says, "We must get the younger generation involved in the history. I think that Mike Bartlo and his students here, as he said earlier, about 70 are involved in this process. That's very good. We'll see the results of it.

Raftis said he would like to see more veterans talk with students in the future about the realities of war.

