

American Revolution Soldier Visits Sixth Grade History Class

John Belfield, fresh from the battlefields of the American Revolution, stopped by the Rappahannock Elementary School's 6th grade history classes to discuss the impact of the war on the Northern Neck. In reality, Charles Belfield did a first person interpretation of his great grandfather, John, who served with General George Washington during the early years of the war. The discussions soon led to the War of 1812 and the battles that were fought in the Northern Neck, especially in the village of Farnham. Two of his great grandfathers also served in the War of 1812 from Richmond County. The ninety-five students found themselves wearing period clothing and handling the tools of both wars. Charles Belfield is the president of the James Monroe Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and a counselor and color guard committee chairman in The War of 1812 Society. The chapter is focused on teaching American History to students as well as adults. "Mr. Belfield made history fun" said a student in a black tri-cornered hat. His comment is enough to keep the SAR and War of 1812 programs of teaching children about American history going.





