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Imagine a class of eighth-graders picking what they want to do for a one-day trip to Washington D.C. Students from the Saint Patrick School of Carlisle didn't pick the National Zoo, the International Spy Museum or Six Flags. These students decided to visit Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, May 23.

They not only visited the tomb, they laid a wreath at the tomb, said Mike Marra, Army War College professor. "It says a lot about them," he said. "It was a great day to connect the upcoming generation with those who served in the past."



Molly Marra, Dominick Manetta, Kathleen Gruschow and Katherine Long lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery with help from a Staff Sgt. from the Old Guard May 23. The Saint Patrick School of Carlisle eighth graders visited Washington D.C. during a class trip.

Marra's daughter, Molly Marra, along with Dominick Manetta, Kathleen Gruschow and Katherine Long laid the wreath with help from a staff sergeant from the Old Guard.

The students visited other monuments, the capitol and the Smithsonian but the wreath laying was Molly's favorite part of the day, said Marra.

Afterward, the students met veterans from all parts of the U.S. who served during World War II and personally thanked them for their service.

The veterans were at Arlington as part of an Honor Flight that transports veterans to their monuments in D.C.

The veterans happened to be there at the same time, said Marra. "They were happy that young people would want to meet them," he said.

Molly Marra meets a World War II veteran in Arlington Cemetery during a class trip to Washington D.C. May 23. She and her classmates laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the visit.

The students who laid the wreath are officers of the 8th grade class and student council and represent the entire student body



at Saint Patrick School.



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