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Veterans Honored at Special Veterans' Celebration in Carencro

Carencro, LA— A special veterans' celebration was held on Thursday, November 10, at the Carencro Community Center, where veterans past and present were honored at an hour-long program of moving tributes, music, and fellowship. The North Regional Library transferred its month-long display of local veterans' photos to the event, where the participants were able to peruse the exhibit.

The ceremony began with an invocation by associate Johnathon Janice of St. Peter's Catholic Church, followed by the Presentation of Colors by the Lafayette Fire Department Color Guard. Mrs. Rena Boudreaux from Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church performed "The National Anthem". The Carencro High School Band, led by Director Keith Rogers, played several patriotic selections, including the "Armed Forces Medley," where military personnel were invited to stand when their branch's anthem was played. Charlie Brunt, President of the Carencro Business Association, spoke and recognized local Purple Heart recipients, including John Dugas, who was present at the celebration. Diane Triche, Head of the Community Services Department with the Lafayette Public Library system, conducted a special on-stage interview with local Navy

veteran, Ms. Aline Arceneaux, who entertained the audience with her unique perspective of life as an officer in the WAVES (Women Acepted for Volunteer Emergency Services) during World War II.

Lloyd Rochon, Air Force veteran, also spoke, followed by Louisiana Army National Guard member Brock Thibodeaux.

First place essay contest winner and Carencro Catholic School eighth-grader Deondre Broussard read his essay about why veterans are important. He was awarded a \$250 check, donated by the Carencro Business Association and Lee Verret State Farm. Second place winner Dane Langley was presented with a check for \$150. Third place winner Taylor Lanclos was also recognized with a \$100 check.

The program was adjourned, and the more than 190 attendees were invited to enjoy a jambalaya lunch donated by Don's Country Mart in Carencro and other refreshments provided by the Carencro Friends of the Library.

The Carencro Veterans 2011 celebration was sponsored by the City of Carencro, the Carencro Business Association, Lee Verret State Farm, the Carencro Friends of the Library, and the North Regional Library.

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