

Bloomington Hills Elementary
Essay Contest

Grandpa's Fight for Future Generations

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James H. Hall born April 4, 1920. Married Dorothy M. Hill. These are my great grandparents they endured the great depression and World War II against the Japanese and the Nazis of Germany. As you could probably tell, my story here today is going to be about my great grandpa's experience in World War II.

World War II started in 1941 and ended in 1945 that is a four-year span. World War II started because Adolph Hitler and the Nazis thought they were the master race and they put the Jewish people in concentration camps just because they were Jewish now that's just wrong don't you think! At First, America didn't get involved because of World War I and we had already lost a lot of people but then, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and we entered World War II. America's purpose was to defend democracy, protect the American people and free the Jewish people from Hitler's rule.

My grandpa played a role in protecting the American way of life. Grandpa entered the armed forces in Oct 27, 1942. He was in the 56th fighter control squadron. Grandpa made it thru six campaigns, he earned six campaign ribbons, two year stripes, three year stripes, six browns star and two silver stars. My favorite story he tells me is at the end of the war when the peace treaty papers were going to be signed. His division had to raise the first American flag in Japan. But then, they had to take it down because there were only ten or twelve men and, General McArthur was supposed to

raise it. So they took it down and Grandpa hid it in the wheel well of the plane they flew in there. While everybody was looking for it, he was relaxing making these really cool planes from old bullets. Today he still has that flag and the cool planes.

Here are some of the reasons why he is special and why we honor him. First of all, he taught me how to count with nails. Why nails? Because he is a general contractor and he helps our family remodel our homes, he built many schools in Southern California, and he rebuilt some missions one I know is San Fernando. Here are some reasons why I look up to him. I think he has a great deal of courage and, he is just the most loveable kind and gentle grandpa. He is the best grandpa that ever lived. The End