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Teaching American History Photo Opportunity

Who: Twenty-three teachers participating in the Teaching American History Summer Institute professional development program

What: The theme of the Summer Institute focuses on the sweeping changes the nation underwent in the 1960s and teachers will be interviewing longtime Naperville residents about that time period. Residents include Jack Shiffler, Vietnam veteran and past Commander of Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873; Mike Rechenmacher, retired District Chief, Naperville Fire Department; the Rev. Lynn Pries, campus chaplain, North Central College; Ron Keller, director, Naperville Municipal Band; the Rev. George St. Angelo, former North Central College chaplain, and his wife, Betty; Mary Lou Wehrli and Herb Nadelhoffer, filmmakers and historians; and others.

When: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Smith Hall in Old Main at North Central College, 30 N. Brainard St., Naperville

Why: Teaching American History: Sharing the Past, Shaping the Future is a three-year professional development program for history and social studies teachers, funded by the United States Department of Education, and granted to Indian Prairie School District 204 on behalf of a consortium of area school districts. Written and administered by Naper Settlement, in partnership with North Central College, this teacher professional development program serves educators in five area school districts, 129, 131, 200, 203 and 204, in Aurora, Naperville and Wheaton. The goal of the Teaching American History grant program is to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding and appreciation of American history.

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