

Cloonan Middle School presents ...

Scholar Power

*Students, Faculty, and Parents
are invited to join us for a Speaker Series
Featured Guests will present first-hand accounts of their craft,
the challenges, and joys of being a leader in their field.
After each presentation, students will have a chance to
interact with the presenter and be part of a lively discussion.
Come prepared for an active session of dialogue, sharing, and learning.*

Date: Monday, November 7, 2011

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

Place: Cloonan Auditorium

Veterans Day Remembrance

Featuring: WWII Veteran and Inspirational Speaker – Mr. Joe Minto

During World War II, Mr. Joe Minto served in the 71st Infantry Regiment of the 44th Division – Company M as a machine gunner. Among his decorations are: Combat Infantrymans Badge, European Medal with 4 Campaign Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, German Occupation Medal, World War II Medal, 3 Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. The French Government recently gave him the Legion of Honor for his activities in WWII in helping free the French from the Germans. The Legion of Honor is their equivalent to our U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor. On January 3rd, 2009, Mr. Minto was inducted into the Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame.

Mr. Minto is a member of the American Legion, the VFW, the Battle of the Bulge Association, the Combat Infrantrymans Association, the Catholic War Vets, and several other veterans' organizations. He helped start, is a charter member, and has been the Commander of the Grosso Seavey American Legion Post 167 for over 25 years. He recently had a monument placed in Bridgeport in memory and honoring his World War II comrades. Joe is very proud to be an American. In 1954, Joe was the first WWII veteran to be made *Chef de Gare* in the State of Connecticut.