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Coach Pait Shares Interesting Military Background

When you walk into Coach Pait's English class, it may just seem like a normal classroom, and he may seem like a normal guy. However, he is not just your typical English teacher. In addition to being an English teacher, Coach Pait also served in the U.S. Army for 13 years. Pait stated his most memorable moment in the army was when he was shot. "My guys knew exactly what to do. They saved my life," he recalled. Pait also said he has learned a lot from the army. He said, "It taught me there is nothing I can't overcome. Bad days aren't as bad when you've been in combat." However, he stated the two biggest takeaways from the military were "trust and leadership." Pait said

he was led to the military by 9/11. "It just struck me when it happened," he said. "I felt I needed to do my part by joining the army. It was the right thing to do." When asked if the army has affected his



Above: Coach Pait proudly displays his military background in his classroom.

mental health in any way, he responded, "Some days are harder than others, like Memorial Day or Veterans Day. But the army also taught me how to handle it." Although it hasn't always been easy for Pait, he stated that enlisting in the army is the best thing that ever happened to him. "I like how I met so many people I would have never met from so many different places." Would Pait recommend the military to a teenager in high school? "I would definitely recommend it. If you're in high school, and you're unsure about your future, you can earn a degree for free while serving your country." Coach Pait is a great example of someone who served in the military and was glad he did.

Opinion: Wearing Hats Should Be Allowed in School

By: Katie Dockins

We should not get in trouble for wearing hats in school. Hats actually can boost a student's confidence. A hat can fix a bad hair day and keep our heads warm on cold winter days. When students wear hats during the cold winter days they have to take their hats off when they go inside and put them in their school bag, which could mess up their hat by bending it or getting a pencil or marker on their hat when it's placed in their school bag. Should it matter what a stu-

dent wears on top of their head? It's their right to wear hats if they want to. Is there even a good reason for hats not to be worn in the school buildings? People sometimes say that wearing hats is distracting for students who want to learn and grow. But is that really true? I've never heard anyone give proof that wearing hats affects students' learning ability. No evidence shows that wearing hats is a problem for students to pay attention in class or do their work,

which leads me to believe that no one really knows the actual reason why hats should not be worn in school. Maybe it's never been investigated or looked at closely if all they can say is that hats are "distracting and affect students' ability to learn." Schools really need to look at what wearing hats can do to a student's confidence. Because overall, there are a lot more positives to wearing hats than whatever negatives people bring up.

Educating, Motivating, and Producing Responsible Citizens of Tomorrow

Carter Student Hosts Instagram Show

Zackary Bennett is a senior at Carter High School; what people may not know is that he runs his own show. The show in question is *The Zack Show*, which can be found on Instagram. The show itself is a comedy where Zack talks about various things and even has the occasional special guest. As described by Zack himself: “*The Zack Show* is an informative show.” The show itself is informative because Zack takes any questions asked and answers them all to the best of his ability. These questions have led him to do many things such as a discussion on hats, painting a wall with applesauce, and fight in an epic duel against popular actor Jeremy Renner. *The Zack Show* got its start on September 23rd of 2020. The show itself came to Zack as a random idea one day when he put on a dress shirt and prepared his clip on tie. From then on he started recording episodes for the show. The set is filmed entirely within

Zack’s room and uses a green screen to achieve its visual look, which might change depending on the scene. Zack mostly works on his show by himself; however, he does have his close friend Ian Zancker for help. In an interview with Zack, he describes the first time he met Ian: “We met when we were in the 6th grade in English class after I cracked a poem that was actually about a girl dying in the snow.” They have been best friends ever since. Ian’s first involvement with *The Zack Show* began when he went bowling with Zack. Ian recalls, “We all went bowling, and I went to Zack’s house afterward and recorded on set with him.” The episode they recorded was a discussion on hats and eventually a dance with actor Paul Rudd. Ian has not only helped with the production of the show, but also has appeared in a few episodes, such as the time Yogi Bear ate him during an interview with Yogi Bear. The over-

all production quality varies from episode to episode, as some of the episodes are started with an idea and are completely improvised. Some episodes do have some planning however, as Zack’s recent episode involves reviewing the water fountains at Carter. The water fountain episode is planned to release before the end of this year and may also include a reappearance of Ian Zancker. The episode has one minute of progress completed as right now and will soon be complete. The show itself as previously mentioned is found on Instagram on the account [oh_hey_its_zack](#), where the newer episode set to release as of this year can be found.

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