

John Mahoney

I've been invited to write a letter regarding some of the events that I experienced at Tornillo ISD. Some of things that I was asked to put together is when David Patton (General George Patton's nephew) came and spoke to the youth for a Veterans Day program. Another time I was asked to do the same thing and I had Mr. Nance, Judge Advocate General (JAG) in the US Army come and speak to the children for Veterans Day. Then I had Mayor Cook from El Paso come. He used a guitar and sang some tunes. Many good experiences I was involved with while in the Tornillo School District: From going on TAKS Trips with the youth, to coaching and teaching. I enjoyed my time there and thought we were making it a successful school district. We may have been a small school district, but we were doing only positive things to make the horizon for students even broader. Many things Mr. Vranish and his wife Marla implemented into the school district were successful. I feel they were quite the team and only did positive and rewarding work. To describe them as a person they were honest and hard-working individuals that were there for the students. I can say only positive words about them and know that they made a big difference at the school district.

Era: Tornillo ISD Job: 2002 – 2013 & Present Social Friend

Relationship: John taught and coached at Tornillo where we met him. He was the type of employee who would volunteer to help when needed, go the "extra mile," do whatever was asked of him, etc. He has a broad education, holding degrees in many different areas. As such, he was versatile as a teacher; able to function in various subject areas. We stay in touch with John through phone calls, Facebook posts, and visits when he is in the El Paso area.