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Veterans High Mascot is the Warhawks



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – **Veterans High School (VHS)** Principal Lionel Brown has announced the selection of **Warhawks** as the **mascot** for Houston County’s newest high school. After the votes were tallied, the Warhawks was the most preferred symbol for Veterans High.

The general public was given the opportunity to suggest a mascot. After narrowing the suggestions, the principal consulted with students zoned for VHS. Other names considered included: Patriots, Falcons, Thunderbirds, Vikings, Volunteers and Generals.

Brown commented, “Having been a suggestion from Robins Air Force Base personnel, the choice of the Warhawks as the mascot for Veterans High School comes with a rich symbolic history. ‘War Hawks’ was a term originally assigned to describe a bi-partisan group from the House of Representatives during the Twelfth Congress of the United States who advocated waging war against the United Kingdom in the War of 1812. The term has since evolved into an informal Americanism used to describe a stance of preparedness for aggression by diplomacy or military means.”

He continued, “Additionally, the term “warhawk” was the name adopted for the Curtiss P-40, an American single-engine fighter and ground attack aircraft first used in 1938. It was used by the air forces of 28 nations, including those of most Allied powers during World War II, and remained in front line service until the end of the war. The P-40 was the workhorse of the Allied aerial arsenal

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right through 1944. According to General Claire Lee Chennault, “the Warhawks advantages were speed in a dive, superior firepower, and better ability to absorb battle damage.” In battle, he capitalized on the relative strengths: intercept, make a diving pass, avoid dogfighting, and dive away when in trouble.”

Veterans High is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen. The school will open in August 2010. For more information, please contact Brown at (478) 988-6200, extension 64524.

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