

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD WINNERS LEARN ABOUT MUSEUM PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON - Winners of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching visited the National Museum of Health and Medicine today to find out more about the educational opportunities offered at the facility.

The 16 science teachers and their spouses were treated to a program highlighting the ways the museum and its collections are available to educators. Archie Fobbs, neuroanatomical collection museum specialist, gave a presentation during which the teachers were able to touch and compare human and animal brains. They also received a docent-guided tour of the museum.

The awards program was established in 1983 to recognize teachers who incorporate innovation and creativity to their classroom teaching, make significant contributions to curriculum development, and demonstrate leadership within the education community. Each year up to 216 outstanding teachers receive the award, with one recipient from each state in each of the categories of elementary science, elementary mathematics, secondary science, and secondary mathematics. Administered for the White House by the National Science Foundation, the award's program is the nation's highest honor for mathematics and science teachers in grades K-12.

The National Museum of Health and Medicine, founded as the Army Medical Museum in 1862 to study and improve medical conditions during the American Civil War, is an element of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Open daily except Dec. 25 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the museum is located at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Ave. and Elder Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Public telephone

number is 202-782-2200 and the web site is www.natmedmuse.afip.org. Admission and parking are free.