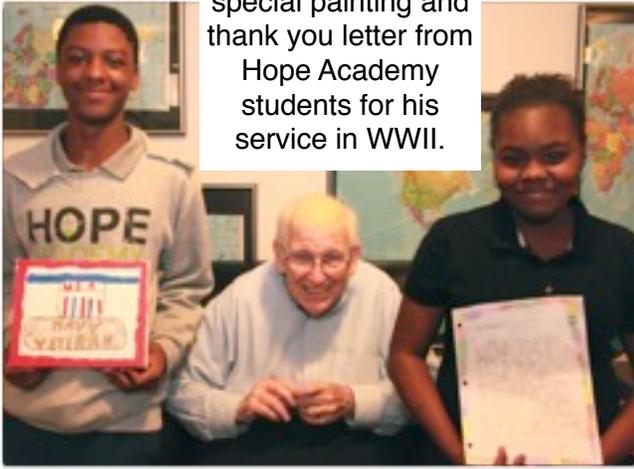


Mr. Slack receiving a special painting and thank you letter from Hope Academy students for his service in WWII.



# HOPE ACADEMY

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A private, non-denominational, Christ-centered school for at-risk youth in grades 5-8 in the Glenwood neighborhood of Greensboro.

## The hero of Hope Academy

Bill Slack is our hero.

It's not because he was in World War II and put his life on the line before any of our staff or students were born.

It's not because he was a part of the invasion team making him one of the first Americans in Japan after the bomb was dropped.

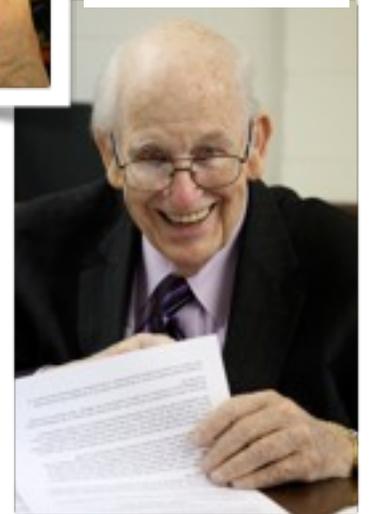
It's not because the Navy destroyer he was on in the Pacific went through one of the worst typhoons on record.

All of those things are worthy of hero status and the students at Hope Academy loved hearing his stories when he came and spoke as part of our Veteran's Day celebration. But, the students cheered when they heard what Mr. Slack did later in life. At age 85 when most people are long into retirement, Bill Slack, the head deacon at Florida Street Baptist Church, was battling on behalf of the future students at Hope Academy. Bill was instrumental in helping provide a home for Hope Academy at the church. His tireless efforts resulted in the education building, which stood empty for years, becoming available for our school. Now these at-risk students have a school within walking distance from their homes thanks to a WWII vet who never stopped fighting.



Left- showing students the Japanese flag he brought back from Tokyo.

Below- signing the lease in 2012 allowing Hope Academy to operate out of Florida Street Baptist Church.



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