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## **Veteran Comes Home to Madeira**

Returning 78 years later to his high school, David Pohl never dreamed he'd leave with a homework assignment. The Madeira High School grad from the Class of 1941 had only stopped by to say hi, reconnect after having received a recent district update in the mail, and to share a few stories and loan his yearbooks back to anyone interested. Superintendent Kenji Matsudo had other ideas. At 94 years young, Mr. Pohl was full of life, energy, and stories to tell. He had even driven himself to Madeira from his home in Mason. Not only did he share high school memories, Pohl, a WW II Veteran, shared stories of capsizing in the Pacific Ocean and floating for a couple of hours before being rescued. So what was his newly assigned homework? Superintendent called Mr. Pohl and asked if he'd be willing to speak at the annual Veterans Day Program at MMS, the site of his old high school. The answer was as swift and shocking as his reply ..... "Yes, I've got a canned speech or we can do whatever you'd like. What's the date and time of the event?" Matsudo was amazed but not surprised by the quick witted Madeira graduate from the Class of 1941. The "assignment" is due November 9 at 9:00 AM at Madeira Middle School. "Great", exclaimed Pohl. "I'm humbled and honored to be asked to come home to Madeira to speak." Matsudo replied, "So are we Mr. Pohl, so are we."

78 years after graduating from Madeira,  
WWII Veteran David Pohl comes home.

