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Stars and Stripes Forever

Madeira City Schools celebrated and honored those who've served at their annual Veteran's Day programs – held on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year.

Madeira Middle School's Veteran's Day program began with the presentation of the flag and posting of colors by members of Cub Scout Pack #20 and Troop #209. Students presented musical and spoken tributes, culminating in the Armed Forces medley. Veterans, many wearing their uniforms, stood as the anthem of their branch of service was played. Featured speaker was Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Dan Shea, who served in the Korean War. Following the program, students and guests were invited to a PTO sponsored reception featuring fifth grade student writings spotlighting the veteran they each chose to interview and write about.

Later in the day, Madeira Elementary School's second grade classes presented a musical tribute to local veterans attended by other grade levels, teachers, parents, veterans and community members. After Army, Marine, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force veterans in attendance came forward to introduce themselves, students presented them with poppy flowers for remembrance. Students also spoke about the Pledge of Allegiance, the American Flag, and the Star Spangled Banner. Following the program parents, friends and grandparents in attendance visited second grade classrooms to see students' Veteran's Day projects.

A poem written by second grader Elsie Thomas entitled "Veterans are Amazing" spoke volumes of thanks, "Veterans like you are strong, brave, and true - Because you helped the red, white, and blue. So many places veterans visited through - To save our country, including me and you. Because veterans are amazing, stargazing, trailblazing. So many things that you helped us to do - Helping our country, through and through. And defending the red, the white, and the blue. Thank you veterans, we are all very thankful for you!"



Pictured above (l to r): Madeira Middle School Principal Nicole Huelsman, Joanna Williams, Emma Flanagan, Annie Meyer, Mr. Dan Shea, Alexa Hacker, Rachel Gaffney, Mateo Ramirez-Laverde, Sam Demis, and Audrey Chalfie. All students pictured are in eighth grade.



Above: Madeira Elementary School second grader Ryan Hopewell, fourth grader Peyton Hopewell, and their grandfather Jack "Poppy" Long.