

Honoring Our Veterans On Veteran's Day

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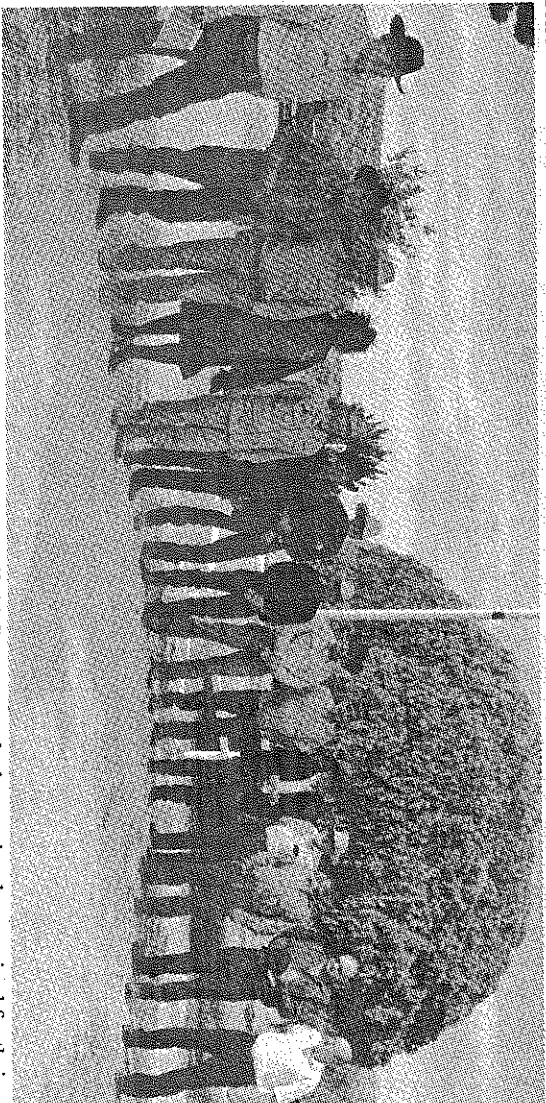
On November 11th, the Iraan School District held a Veteran's Day assembly to show gratitude for all who have fought. The veterans were invited to the school library for donuts and coffee before they entered the auditorium. During the processional, Michael Meek introduced the veterans as they walked down the aisle. Owen Davis gave the invocation before Principal Jim Baum welcomed everyone.

The Texas Challenge Academy then gave the presentation of colors and the pledge. Then, the whole auditorium remained standing for the national anthem sung by our very own Kaci Bales. Our Big Red Band gave a musical presentation following the patriotic presentation to the veterans from the Iraan Elementary School. After a brief intermission, Principal Blake Andrews gave an honorary presentation. Mrs. Christine Arnold introduced Jim Smith, the guest speaker.

DeLane Cagle made a special presentation to show the audience. After the power points finished, Jim Baum gave the closing comments. But before the auditorium was released, everyone rose for the playing of "Taps" by Nicole Meek and Jaylon Cox. When the final note faded, Lauren Garlock took the stage to give the benediction. Then, everyone filed out as the recessional played.

Later that same day, there was another Veteran's Day assembly held at the Sheffield cemetery where the Texas Challenge Academy started it out followed by the raising of the flag by Mont Cravens and Wade Purvis. Kaci Bales, along with the Iraan Elementary Students, sang the Star Spangled Banner. Then, everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. Pastor Mike Wright joined us out there and gave the opening prayer. The Texas Challenge Academy gave a drill team performance.

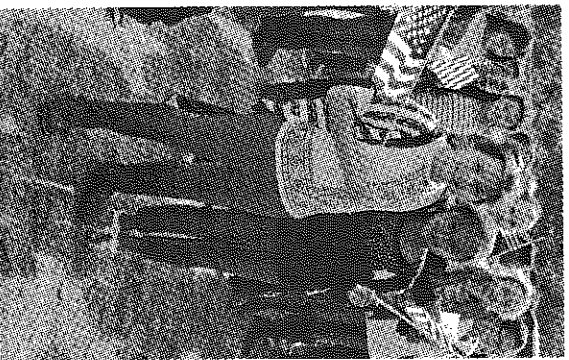
After that, the Iraan Elementary School sang patriotic songs. Pastor Andy Vanderwilt recognized the present veterans. Then, while Don Jackson said the roll call of deceased veterans, Mike Wright rang the bell for each name said. Hayley, Jakelyn, Camna, Rylie, and Cade presented the flags and bio. to Mont Cravens and Wade Purvis. Then, Mont Cravens and Wade Purvis proceeded to lay the wreath. As the wreath was being laid, Nicole Meek and Jaylon Cox began to play "Taps", echoed by Kurke McKenzie. As the final note of the song ended, Pastor Andy Vanderwilt gave a closing prayer followed by closing words by Don Jackson. While the audience and attendees were leaving Nicole Meek, Jaylon Cox, and Kurke McKenzie played "God Bless America" and "Every" to honor the veterans. Names of Active Veterans: Robbie Boone, Andy DeGraffenreid,



Veterans lined up at the Veteran's Day program at the Sheffield Cemetery to be honored and recognized for their service so that we can live in a free nation.

Eric Frost, Joshua Hickson, James Hilburn, Sasha Holcomb, Juan Jaramillo, Shauntia Jenkins, Nathan Jimenez, Frederick Joyce, Schaffer Kris, Rafael Martinez, Joel Mead, Chelsey Neumeier, Leo Neumeier, Pierson Parker, Jesse Reyes, Shiquille Robinson, Tiana Rodriguez, Brian Smith, and Garland White.

Names of Living Veterans: Pete Adams, Jo Antoni, Juan Arguello, John Aston, Josh Aston, Jeffrey Baum, Iven Berrios, Gary Boone, Keith Bryant, Richard Burton, Josh Callahan, Jerry Callaway, Steven Caldwell, James Calvert, Alfredo Calzada, Matthew Castaneda, Michael Castaneda, Pete Castaneda, Ramiro Cepeda, Ivan Chavez, Mickey Clark, Bud Cravens, Mont Cravens, Roy Crouse, Dave Crowder, Phillip Davis, Brandon Delgado, Jake Dement, Jimmy DeMoss, Randy DeMoss, Sr., Randy DeMoss, Jr., Bill deNeergard, Sammye Douglas, Brandon Dunagan, Perry Eddy, Eddie Evans, Harry Falkenberg, Randy Finney, Susana Finney, Juan Flores, Madito Flores, Johnny Foster, Ja-



Third graders Avery Johnson and Gracie Saldana hold the American flags in honor of our veterans.

mil Frasier, Tarik Frasier, Carlos Galvan, Michael Galvan, Marian Gamboa, Christopher Mike Garcia, Brad Gardner, Rodrigo Garza, Dude Glover, Rufus Glover, Leslie Grant, Mitchell Green, Robert Gonzales, Jose S. Gonzales, Ricky Haddock, Juan Hernandez, Jr., David Himel, Harold Hines, Tommy Holmes, Roger Horne, Jarret Hostas, Antonio Jacquez, Tony James, Juan Jaramillo, Leticia Jaramillo, Dee Jennings, Bill Johnson, Fred Kirkfield, Wayne Kirkfield, Michael Klassen, Krista Knox, Abel Leyva, John Logan, Jim Logsdon, Billy Lopez, Javier Martinez, Roque Martinez, Joel Mead, Richard Mendoza, Jason McGhee, Trevor McLaren, William McLaren, Gabe Molina, Kacee Murff, Glenn Neumeier, Nick Pace, Jason Parker, Cody Pechacek, Jacob Pechacek, Joseph Perez, Frank Petralba, Francisco Petralba, Kevin Petralba, Wendy Petralba, David Pickney, Donnell Porch, Lamont Porch, William Porch, James Price, Robby Quilodvan, Adrian Rascon, Jacob Rascon, Gabriel Rico, Eddie Ruiz, Lalo Ruiz, Oscar Saenz, Chris Salinas, Ron Salisbury, Vanessa Sanchez, Richard Sanson, Danny Santiesteban, Ken Schave, Larry Schave, Lawrence Schneider, Roger Schneider, Greg Serrata, Clint Smithson, Richard Stone, Jacob Tambunga, Jimmy Tambunga, Garriso Taylor, Daniel Torres, Daniel Torres, Jr., Juan Gabriel Rico, Richard Sanson, Dennis Savell, Jim Smith, Chris Smithson, Richard Urias, Lisa Vaughan, Matthew Vaughan, Meghan Vaughan, Kevin Waller, Alvin Watson, Earl Watson, Felicia Watson, Kenneth Watson, Albert Willock, Bradley Willock, Don Willock, Ken Willock, Eric Wright, Cecil Wright, Armand Ybara, Richard Ybara, Tyler Yocum, Robert Zapata, Jose Zuniga

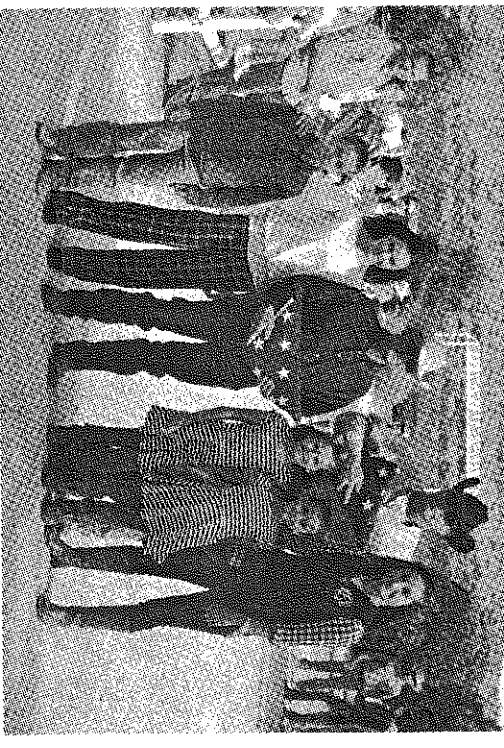
Names of Deceased Veterans: Simon Avalos, Jim Bright, Jason Buzzard, William Cagle, Albert Crowson, William Cuthbert, James

DeMoss, Shane Folmer, Javier Garcia, Alvin Glynn, Carl Grant, Mark Higgins, Cecil "Pug" Hindman, Jake Hoover, Fred Johnson Jr., Samuel Kelsey, Ricardo Leal, Louis Letter, Silverio Lopez, Robert Melius, Marvin Merrill, Herbert Noelle, Mario Petralba, Donald Pinkstaff, Calvin Porch, Hipolito Rascon, Armando Reina, Marical Rodriguez, Paul Rodriguez, Maria Schave, Douglas Shepherd, Robert Shepherd, Claud Stuard, Santiago Tambunga, Russell Walker, Paul Watson, Charles Webb, Vernon Webb, Allen West, Mario West, Dudley Wier, Wade Wilbanks, Dewey Williams, Robert Wright, Juan Arguello, Josh Aston, Perry Eddy, Robert Gonzales J., Vanessa Sanchez, Brandon Dunagan, Eddie Evans, Marian Gamboa, Juan Jaramillo, Abel C. Leyva, Frank Petralba, Wendy Petralba, Richard Sanson, Chris Smithson, Richard Urias, Brad Gardner, Tyler Yocum, Robert Zapata, Matthew Castaneda, Ivan Chavez, David Himel, Mandito Flores, Billy Lopez, Jason Bradley Parker, Ja-



Twenty-Four year veteran, Jim Smith, was the guest speaker for the Veteran's Day program in Iraan.

Ybara Rodriguez, Pat C. Garner, James M. Herren, Robert Reese, J. W. Scott, Troy Reed, L. R. Collett, Bisenie Fuentes, Calvin Evans, Clifford White, Edmon Morris, Henry F. Wise, Morris Monroe, Bernardo Ramos, John J. Carson, Millard Holmes, James C. Turner, Grady Knight, Paul M. Morris, Ollie S. Caubhan, Aldon Glynn, Kenneth Stroup, Jess T. Haley, Tom Hill, Sam Lee Shaw, Ellis Owens, Mario West, Troy Reed, J. C. Coffman, Wayne Coffman,



Cade Cravens, Rylie Cravens, Wade Purvis, Jake Cravens, Mont Cravens, Camna Cravens, and Hayley Cravens were part of the Veteran's Day program in Sheffield where Wade and Mont recieved the 'Flags of Honor' for their service in the military.