

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

NEVER FORGET

Memorial service honors 9/11 victims

As students meet at the flag pole, the Royal Pride Band and top choir Harmony perform in memorial for the victims of the terrorist attacks. In addition, the McKinney Fire Department and JROTC raised the flag together in memory of 9/11. "Being a part of the ceremony for 9/11 made it more symbolic," sophomore Lindsay Hancz said. "I have never really celebrated it before."



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the eye

"When folding the flag, it is important to hold onto the ends and never let it touch the ground."

No lint or dirt on uniforms

Nails polished, even if gloves are on

Uniform should be form and fit.

"I am determined to keep the Military in my family. I'll support everything our flag symbolizes and stands for."

Shoes polished with laces tucked in



The fold on the hats should be cleaned and polished

Buttons aligned and polished

Belt on hip and buckle polished (no scratches)

"Every time we don't follow regulations, we get five points taken off our final grade, so it's really important we meet the standards."

"JROTC and the Folding of the Flag ceremony gave those who want to go into the military a small taste of what it is going to be like."

Micah Landcaster
Junior

Nathan Roberts



Colin Mitchell



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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

In recognition of 9/11, the Royal Pride Band performs. The ceremony marked the 14th anniversary of the terrorist attack. "I was sad yet proud to be a part of this tradition," freshman Dillon Ruff said. "I had some family members involved in the tragedy, so honoring them through music and the ceremony was really special."

AMERICA'S SIGNATURE

JROTC performs the Folding of the Flag ceremony

As the Royal Pride Band performed, JROTC marched onto the field of Ron Poe Stadium before the football game against Newman Smith.

Freshman Kaylie Macedo and sophomore Tom McGowan stood ready to present and fold the American and Marine Corps flags in honor of 9/11.

"I felt proud about what I was doing and proud of what others are doing for our country," Macedo said. "The whole ceremony really made me appreciate what people do our country."

This was the first year that JROTC presented the colors in McKinney's ceremony.

"The folding of the flag was really great, every person came together to show we can do what's right," freshman Katherine Turner said. "In the future, I hope to be a part of the Armed Forces, so I can help people."

Bigger than average, the flag used in the ceremony was the same size as the flags that are flown off of sky scrappers.

"The folding of the flag was difficult because the flag was so big," senior Robert Sanchez said "Since it was our first time, we needed to make a grand impression, so our senior Marine instructor got a huge flag. Plus, everything is bigger in Texas."

by Nicole Oesterreicher

ALL EYES ON THE FLAG

With JROTC, freshman Kaylie Macedo and sophomore Tom McGowan carry the flag. In the process of the Folding of the Flag, members only held onto the edges of the 50-foot by 34-foot flag. "I felt proud about what we were doing," Kaylie said. "It represents the United States and holds meaning. We are one. We are a team."

HIGHEST HONOR

At the 9/11 pre-game ceremony, freshman Kathy Turner watches the performance with Sergeant Bill Fischer. A family friend of a McKinney cadet, Sergeant Fischer received the honor to play "Taps" on his trumpet. "I know a lot of people who lost family members in 9/11," Kathy said. "The incident has inspired me to help our world. By learning more about our world we can help the most people possible."



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CALLED TO ATTENTION

At attention, senior Michael Buehrer gave the order to the JROTC cadets to unfold the flag. The flag covered 50 yards of the field. "To me the flag is the biggest amount of respect for any citizen," Michael said. "It has been here from the start for our country. There is so much history behind it."