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# VETERANS DAY

## 10th annual assembly

Veterans Day is a important holiday for all of America. It is a time where we celebrate the people that served our country, and the brave solders that died saving it. But for one Cimarron student, this important day hits home in a special way. On Nov. 8, student Luke Egan (6) attended Cimarron's Veterans Day ceremony with his father, who is part of the United States Marines. "My dad is in the reserves right now, but he was on active duty about a year and a half ago," Egan said. Egan's dad his been deployed in Iraq,

Iran, and Afghanistan. "It's not really fun having my dad gone. It's kind of like a big hole in your life," said Egan. While attending the assembly, Egan sat next to his dad as they watched the ceremony take place. "I think it was really cool that all the veterans were being honored, and I felt proud to be there with my dad," Egan said.

### EMERGING STATS

ATTENDEES **1,800**

STUDENTS ORGANIZING THE ASSEMBLY

**124**

MONEY RAISED FOR CHARITY

**\$400**



**Love in the Land of the Free** Student Aanica Sawyer (6), lays on her grandpa's shoulder as they watch the ceremony. "I liked to see how many veterans were there and it was cool to see how many people served for our country," Sawyer said. Photo by Abigail Heisinger

- 1) **Feeling Welcome** Palomino student Heath Norton (8), greets parents and veterans alike as they enter the ceremony. "I likes being able to see people smile and feel appreciated when I greeted them," Norton said. Photo by Abigail Heisinger
- 2) **Following in Footsteps** Morgan student Griffin Glen (6), enters the Veterans' Day celebration with his grandfather, who served in the Unites States Navy. "I feel like I could join the Navy one day like him," Glen said. Photo by Abigail Heisinger
- 3) **Salute to the Service** Boy Scout Landon Rice (8), presents the colors at Cimarron's Veterans' Day ceremony on Nov. 8. "It was really nice to be able to present something that means a lot to a bunch of people," Rice said. Photo by Abigail Heisinger
- 4) **Stories of Bravery** Student Chelsey Molcsan (8), enjoys the ceremony with her grandfather. "My favorite part was the reception after the ceremony, and hearing everyone's stories," Molcsan said. Photo by Lolo Shafer
- 5) **Veteran Reception Student** Madison Fuller (7), enjoys the reception after the Veterans' Day ceremony. Photo by Katie Ketter
- 6) **Remembering the Brave** Student Damian Meier (8), is moved to tears while remembering his grandfather who passed away while serving. "I feel lucky to have so many brave people protecting our country," Meier said. Photo by Sandra Hollenbaugh
- 7) **You're Our Hero** Greeting veterans at the door, student Morgan Underwood (8), appreciates them as they're welcomed into the ceremony. "I like that the Veterans' Day ceremony is unique to our school, and makes the veterans feel appreciated," Underwood said. Photo by Abigail Heisinger

## BEHIND THE SCENES

*What did crews do to prepare for the ceremony?*



- 1) **BLOWING THE VETERANS AWAY** "My favorite part of the assembly was how I could see all the veterans and how much we all did meant to them," said studen Emily Hruby (8). Photo by Lolo Shafer
- 2) **LAST MINUTE REHEARSAL** "I like preforming my speech for the veterans during the assembly because I was able to tell someone else's story," Sophia Highfill (8), said. Photo by Katie Ketter
- 3) **TYPING HIS HEART OUT** "The day of the assembly seemed as to be a push forward to making Cimarron a better school. The assembly was special because, at past schools, I have attended the celebrations are minor but here it's more of a big deal," said Joshua Nelson (8). Photo by Katie Ketter
- 4) **SLIDES FOR THE SERVICE** "I helped prepare the slides for the assembly so that the audience can follow along," student Curtis Freedom (8), said. Photo by Katie Ketter
- 5) **HANGING UP THE FLAGS** "I decorated the walls along the grand staircase. We decorated the school and it was really fun! My favorite part was going to the reception after the ceremony and hearing the cool stories," said student Kaia Gilfert (8). Photo by Lolo Shafer

## PARENTS PROUDLY SERVE

*Proud Patriots*

How are you proud of your veterans?

"It was hard and kind of scary, but Grandpa still did it," Jackson Cohrs (8), said.

Photo by William Donohoe

"They're **risking their lives** for the country, to protect thousands of others," said student Heath Norton (8).

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"My grandpa was in the Air Force for 8 years. I am proud of him because he was brave, his plane once caught [on] fire and went into a dive bomb but he pulled up and survived," said Cameron Lovejoy (8).

Photo by Grady Gonzales

