

CROCKETT SCHOOLS CELEBRATE HEROES ON VETERANS DAY



Above: This colorful sign welcomed the veterans at Crockett County Middle School.



Above: At the high school, students ready for the presentation of the colors prior to the beginning of their Veterans Day assembly.

Right: This display in the Middle School honored four CCMS employees for their service to our nation.

Below: Veterans in attendance - as well as the students in the gymnasium bleachers - listen to another veteran express his sentiments for the meaning of the day.



Below: Some of the veterans in attendance at the Gadsden program pose with students afterward for a memento.

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Acknowledging that the freedoms they enjoy in the United States is largely due to the men and women who came before them and served in the nation's armed forces, Crockett County school students and staff honored those heroes with various programs on Thursday and Friday of this past week.

The elementary schools hosted veterans at their locations and produced programs in which various classes represented the different organizations that make up the United States military.

At Crockett Middle School, students honored those veterans who currently work at the school: Monty Byars, John Deason, Yelitzka Turner, and Jamar Turner. Some classrooms had elaborate whiteboard displays honoring those who have served their country in the armed forces.

Crockett County High School had a full program that featured special seating for veterans, speakers who have served, and musical tributes from the school chorus and Crockett junior Brennan Morris.

Following are some of the scenes from the various programs offered throughout the county school district.



Above: Crockett County High's ever-present veteran, Sergeant John Reddick - the school's resource officer - poses with Amy Morris (left) and her daughter Brennan (right), a junior who sang "God Bless the USA" to a rousing ovation.

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Right: CCHS student Mary Reece Wilson is at the podium during the Veterans Day presentation.



Above: CCHS music teacher Jeremiah Cavitt leads the school chorus in a patriotic song to honor the veterans in attendance.



Above: At Gadsden Elementary, students prepare to say the Pledge of Allegiance to open their program.



Above: Fifth-grade students paid tribute to the veterans during the GES program.



Above: The four CCMS employees honored (and their service ranks): Petty Officer 2nd Class Monty Byars, Sergeant John Deason, Senior Airman Jamart Turner, and Staff Sergeant Yelitzka Turner.