



Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

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Blue Streaks football team raises \$3K for veterans

The Woodstock High School Blue Streaks football team raised more than \$3,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project at its Sept. 27 Military Appreciation Night.

Prior to the game against Richmond-Burton, the team sold "Support Our Troops" T-shirts and all proceeds were split between the Wounded Warrior Project and the local VFW 5040.

At the game, there were representatives from several military branches informing attendees of the opportunities the US military has to offer. Before kickoff, the veterans of the US military were honored by having their names, branch and rank read.

The honorary guest for the coin flip was former Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 teacher and coach Greg "Woody" Walkington. Walkington enlisted in the Air Force in 1968 and was called to active duty shortly after. He served between Thailand, Grissom Air Force Base, and McConnell Air Force Base until 1972.

Since 1975, Walkington taught math and science for 30 years. He also coached football, wrestling, track, and girls softball. The highlight of his coaching career was being a part of the 1997 Woodstock High School Football State Championship.

He joined the VFW in 2005 and has served as commander from 2021-2024. He remains active in District 200 by being his grandchildren's biggest fan.

A special thanks goes to Bull Valley Ford for a large contribution to the effort, the Local VFW standard bearers that each purchased a T-shirt, the WHS cheer and dance squads and finally the WHS football coaching staff.

WHS Coach Mike Brasile said the football program said he wanted to thank everyone involved especially, WHS Athletic Director Al Baker, and D 200 School Board President Carl Gilmore for helping put this special night together.