



WELCOME TO SCLA'S

VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

**"DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION
OR VAIN CONCEIT. RATHER, IN HUMILITY
VALUE OTHERS ABOVE YOURSELVES."
- PHILIPPIANS 2:3**



Welcome to SCLA's Veterans Day Tribute Friday, November 8, 2024

Procession

Flag Bearers, Veterans, and Families

Cadence by Jameson Frantzen

Assembly, please rise as the veterans enter the gym.

Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome

Nate Kallies, Principal, St. Croix Lutheran Academy

The Star Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there:
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Thank You to our Veterans

Noah Schmeling, Student Body President, Class of 2025

Anthems of the Six Armed Forces

arr. Dusty Johnson

Crusader Band, Cantate Choir, Chorale, Concert Choir, Croixaliers
Veterans, please stand when your service branch song is played.

Guest Speaker

Colonel Daniel W. Converse, United States Air Force

An American Tribute

Douglas E. Wagner

Crusader Band, Cantate Choir, Chorale, Concert Choir, Croixaliers

Recessional

Flag bearers, Veterans, and Families

A group photo of all veterans and military personnel will take place following the ceremony. Please wait in the commons for instruction.

United States Air Force

COLONEL DANIEL W. CONVERSE

Colonel Daniel W. Converse is the Director and Senior Air Force Planner for Joint and National Security Council (NSC) Matters directorate, serving as the official conduit between Air Staff and Joint Staff for Joint/Interagency issues. He directs/manages Air Force senior leader Tank, OPSDEP, and DEPOPSDEP preparations coordinates and submits Air Staff response to Joint Staff Action Packages (JSAP) and NSC taskings. He is also responsible for certifying the AF position for JSAPs and is responsible for providing final coordination for all AF Joint Actions.

Colonel Converse attended Arizona State on an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship. He was a "Superior Performer" upon completion of AFROTC Field Training. Colonel Converse attended Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training (JSUNT) at Randolph AFB, Texas, in 2002. Following graduation, he attended RC-135 Combat Crew Training School at Offutt AFB in Omaha, Nebraska. His first operational assignment was with the 343d Reconnaissance Squadron (RS), Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, and remained in the 55th Wing serving in a variety of assignments including as a 338th Combat Training Squadron instructor. Colonel Converse then was selected to join the 412th FLTS "Speckled Trout", Edwards AFB California and the 412th Operations Group Training and Standardization/Evaluations where he served as a branch chief for all Fighter, Trainer and Reconnaissance aircraft. After completions of his special duty assignment at Edwards AFB Colonel Converse was a reassigned to the 45th Reconnaissance Squadron and was selected to become the Chief of Flight Safety for the 55th Wing. Colonel Converse was then re-assigned to duties at the 55th Operations Support Squadron in Apr of 2014 as Assistant Director of Operations. In Jan of 2015 Colonel Converse was assigned to duties at NSA Souda Bay, Crete Greece as Director of Operations for the 21st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron and 95 Reconnaissance Squadron Detachment 1. Upon his return from Overseas in Jan of 2016 he was assigned as the Government Flight Representative DCMA Greenville Texas. In 2018 Colonel Converse was selected to Command the Defense Contract Management Office in Oklahoma City Oklahoma. Upon completion of command in 2021, Colonel Converse was assigned to Headquarters Air Force where he served as the Chief of the rated analytics branch, Aircrew Crisis Task Force (ACTF).

Colonel Converse is a Master Navigator with more than 2600 flying hours including 900 combat hours.



Christian Support for Active Military Personnel and Families

The WELS Military Service Committee works to reach out with God's Word and Sacrament to our military. Our National Civilian Chaplain Paul Horn is based in San Diego. Our European Civilian Chaplain Rob Weiss works out of Germany. We have over 100 Military Contact Pastors to serve our troops nationwide. Please help us make God's Word and Sacrament available to our actively serving military personnel and their families by reviewing the services we offer at wels.net/military or calling Chaplain Horn at 765-609-0890 for more information.

In addition, the Lutheran Military Support Group is an independent organization run by WELS/ELS veterans. They are both an auxiliary to WELS Military Services and a support for the physical and spiritual needs of our military veterans and their families. Please visit lutheranmilitary.org for more information and stay involved in this important work!

*Special thanks to all the veterans, military personnel, and families that are here today.
It is you who make this day important and memorable.
We are pleased to have you as our honored guests.*



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