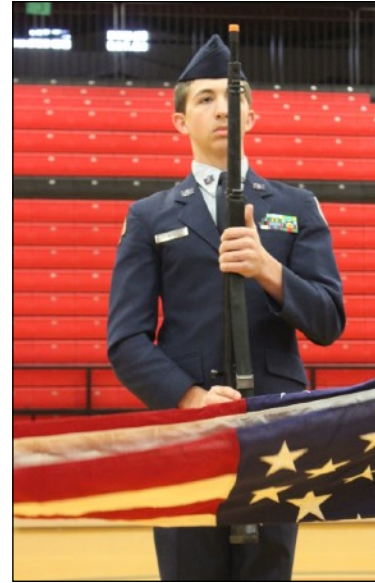




Veterans' Day 2023

## Veterans Day Events Kicked Off with Flag Folding Ceremony

AFJROTC cadets along with their instructor Major Couch performed the flag folding ceremony at 8 a.m. in Reynolds Gym. Major Couch explained the significance of each fold as cadets performed the ceremony, ending with the flag folded into a triangle, with the stars on the outside. Many students and staff members came to observe the ceremony and learn about the history of it. After this, Major Couch and four of the cadets traveled to each school in the district to post the colors and lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the various Veterans Day programs.







## Donnelsville Elementary







Donnelsville Elementary began their Veterans Day program with a breakfast for veterans and students to enjoy. After that, everyone went to the gym where veterans introduced themselves and said which student invited them. Students then sang "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "God Bless America." Toward the end of the assembly a student from each classroom read a piece that he/she had written about what it means to be a veteran.

## Donnelsville, cont.



## New Carlisle Elementary Holds Two Veterans Day Programs



Members of the high school AFJROTC traveled to all the Tecumseh Local schools to open each ceremony posting the colors and leading the audience in The Pledge of Allegiance.

NCE held two different assemblies to honor veterans- one with the second and third graders attending on Thursday and one with the fourth and fifth graders on Friday. Both assemblies had students reading pieces they had written answering the question "What is a veteran?" Both assemblies then featured the students singing "America," "God Bless the USA," "God Bless America," and the "Armed Forces Medley." Before the closing song, the veterans in attendance stood and introduced themselves.







## New Carlisle Elementary, cont.







## Tecumseh Middle School

After the Pledge of Allegiance and Principal Lauren McFarland welcoming the guests, the eighth grade band played "America the Beautiful." Students then explained the history of Veterans Day and the significance of the poppy flower. Next, the veterans in the audience were recognized and a poem was read by Ariyah Carter. The sixth grade choir sang "The Armed Forces Medley" and then the ceremony ended with a Thank You video made by TMS students.







## Park Layne Elementary

The final Veterans Day program was held at Park Layne Elementary. The assembly began with Mrs. Strader discussing the importance of Veterans Day, then each of the veterans introduced him or herself. Next, the first grade students sang "America" and TSgt. Sarah McAlister (mother of kindergartener Brylee High) spoke to the students for a few minutes. After this there was a video featuring pictures of veterans who were not in attendance. At the conclusion, the veterans were invited to the gym where there were refreshments and students could go around to meet the guests and give them thank you notes they had written.







*Thank you, veterans!*