

Grover Elementary salutes area Veterans

"Veterans everywhere we appreciate you", that was the message Grover Elementary shared Friday morning with a large crowd that gathered in front of the school for a special service.

Teresa Neil, a teacher assistant at Grover and a veteran, has organized the special service for local veterans each year around Veterans Day to pay tribute and give back to those who have given so much to our nation over the years.

Sharing a story of a local Vietnam War hero, she said that she was reminded that unlike other servicemen they were not thanked when they returned home from war. She asked the Vietnam veterans in the audience to stand.

"We appreciate you," Neil told them.

In addition to all veterans, she thanked the spouses who were left behind at home while their loved ones went off to war.

"Spouses played a great part that you didn't even know you were playing and for that we thank you," she said.

As David McKenzie played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipe, students one-by-one posted the colors of each branch of the armed services.

Daniel Bumgarner carried the Army flag, Priscilla Yocis - the Air Force, Holden Michael Turner - the United States flag, Ty'Zhon Leslie - the state flag, Dallin Campbell - the Marine flag, Nichlas Tinsley - the Coast Guard and Nicholas Stewart carried the flag of the Navy. Last but



especially not least, Triston Hannon carried the Prisoner Of War - Missing In Action flag for all of the veterans who were unaccounted for after serving their country in times of war.

Special music was provided by members of the Kings Mountain High School band, whose trumpeters also played "Taps".

Students presented a skit on veterans and the meaning behind the word.

McKenzie played "America".

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Top: Flag bearers for Friday's Veterans service at Grover Elementary were, l-r, Triston Hannon - POW, Daniel Bumgarner - Army, Priscilla Yocis - Air Force, Holden Michael Turner - U.S. flag, Ty'Zhon Leslie - N.C., Dallin Campbell - Marine, Nichlas Tinsley - Coast Guard, and Nicholas Stewart - Navy.

Bottom left: Commander of Blacksburg's VFW Post 4941 Clarence Hammett leads a host of veterans

through an aisle of flags into Grover Elementary after the Veterans service for breakfast.

Bottom right: Students wave flags

while members of the Kings Mountain High School Band play patriotic music for the raising of the American flag.



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The Burris family has had 18 family members, who served in wars. They gathered at the Veterans Day service at Mountain Rest Cemetery on Thursday for a special reunion. Front row, l-r, Camden McCluney, Kytrina McCluney, Lawrence Perry, Anita Bennett, Clifford Perry, Ida Perry, Hazeline Abernathy, Alice Perry, Mark Perry. Back row, l-r, Angela Burris, Kytara McCluney, Virginia Perry, Marie Burris, Frank Burris, Quintin Perry, Lequshia Bennett, Andrew Burris.



11-month-old Alyssa Robinson attends her first Veterans Day service at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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as Americans," said the mayor, adding, "Our soldiers are again answering the call of duty and today we honor those who have served and are currently serving in the armed forces. They are our heroes."

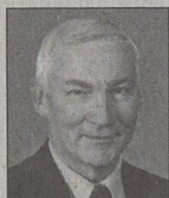
The mayor took the occasion to recognize Kings Mountain veteran Frank Burris and his wife, Marie, whose family have sent 18 members to war. The large Burris family was in the audience for one of the largest crowds for a Veterans Day service that began with a parade from the War Memorial downtown to Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The Loch Norman Pipe Band and vocalist Shana Adams, Kings Mountain Police Department and Explorer Unit Honor Guard who advanced and retired the colors, prayers offered by Police Chief Melvin Proctor and American Legion District 23 Commander Claude Pearson and the pledge to the flag led by Boy Scout Troop 92 added to the impressive service.

The red, white and blue memorial wreath was placed in front of the veteran's monument by the mayor and Pearson as "Taps" ended the city-sponsored ceremony.

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