

VETERANS: School makes a special effort in annual observances

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After a slideshow presentation recognizing Sisters High School graduates who went on to serve in the military and a short video on the importance of Veterans Day, the keynote address was delivered by Sisters resident Dan Stewart, a 1971 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, who served on several ships at sea until earning his Naval Aviator wings in January, 1973.

Stewart, who retired from the Navy as a lieutenant, flew search-and-rescue and missile-retrieval missions while based at Pt. Mugu, in California. Between 1976-78 Stewart flew search-and-rescue and worked in fleet logistics out of Sigonella, Italy.

Stewart's message of sacrifice and duty, of the honor, courage, and commitment required of military service members and veterans, was illustrated by a brief history of Veterans Day — a result of the Armistice signed at the end of World War I — a video highlighting the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, and a single slide revealing the stark reality that over three million casualties, both dead and wounded, have been suffered by the United States' armed forces since their founding.

As part of his preparation for the Veterans Day presentation, Stewart contacted the offices of both

Oregon Senator Ron Wyden and Arizona Senator John McCain. Both Senators wrote moving letters in response, addressed to the students of Sisters High School, which Stewart read to the assembly (see page 19).

Stewart, whose children have all attended SHS, told *The Nugget*, "This school has had a profound effect on our family, so when Joe (Hosang, SHS principal) asked me to do it, I wanted to make sure the kids understood the importance of being a veteran, and what Veterans Day means. To all of us. I wanted the kids to get some sense of the big story... and that things like standing for the National Anthem are what unites us."

Sophomore Lexi Stewart, a member of the school's leadership group, who was among the many SHS



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Local veterans were honored in observances at Sisters High School on November 10.

students serving breakfast to the veterans, told *The Nugget* that for her, Veterans Day is chance "to see what great men and women have done before us, and what we can do as a younger generation."

Freshman Lola Green, also a member of the leadership group, said that for her, Veterans Day "is a great opportunity to show respect

— to give back and to show that we care."

Hosang told *The Nugget* that he is committed to continuing the tradition of honoring veterans.

"Sometimes the kids are told they should 'thank a veteran', and they do, but sometimes they may not understand what it means, or where it came from. As a group,

the kids have great respect, because we have a great community, but this event continues to remind them of our foundation, and helps them understand the sacrifices."

After performances of "American Patrol" by the Outlaws Jazz Band, and "Peter Gunn" by the SHS Concert Choir, the veterans were treated to a reception.



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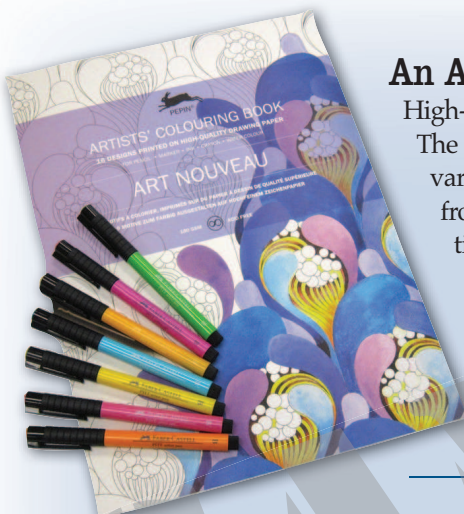
Navy veteran Dan Stewart was the keynote speaker.

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