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## Keizer schools salute veterans

McNary principal Erik Jespersen called it one of his favorite days of the year as he welcomed local veterans to the high school's annual Living History Day assembly.

McNary invited veterans to the school on Thursday, Nov. 9 to share their experiences with students. They went to classrooms to tell stories and answer questions.

The veterans were then served lunch.

During the morning assembly, cadets in McNary's AFJROTC posted the colors and performed an armed drill routine for the guests. McNary's wind ensemble, directed by Jennifer Bell, also played.

Veterans spent the afternoon at Claggett Creek Middle School, eating lunch and then participating in classroom visits.

During an assembly, the CCMS band, orchestra and choir performed *The Star Spangled Banner* and *America the Beautiful*.

George Krause, computer lab teacher at the school, spoke to the students about the sacrifice veterans make for their country. Principal Aaron Persons listed the conflicts and invited veterans to stand.



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A: Veterans stand with McNary students to salute the flag while the wind ensemble plays *The Star Spangled Banner* during the Living History Day assembly on Thursday, Nov. 9 in the school's gym.

B: McNary High School principal Erik Jespersen honored Bob Wickman, a Marine and Navy veteran during the Korean War who has consistently attended the school's assembly.

C: Claggett Creek leadership student Rylee Jones escorts a veteran to his seat for the assembly.

D: Bassists James Catron and Jeffrey Grenz played *The Star Spangled Banner* and *America the Beautiful* in the Claggett Creek orchestra.

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