

Remembering Our Fallen

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Memorial at Stone Hearth offers sobering reminder.

“Gone, but not forgotten” is a phrase often used while describing military personnel who have died in combat.

“Remembering Our Fallen,” a display focusing on those from Nebraska who have died in action in Iraq and Afghanistan since 09-11-2001, provided the backdrop to a patriotic program Friday at Stone Hearth Estates. “Remembering Our Fallen” was displayed through Memorial Day.

The program included patriotic singing, the Pledge of Allegiance, a salute by the Gothenburg Honor Guard and remarks by Representative Adrian Smith and Joyce Hudson, mayor of Gothenburg.

Smith related an event that displayed the sense of community support for the commitment and sacrifice of those in the military.

The funeral of Captain Travis Ford, originally from Ogallala, was the first attended by Smith as a member of Congress. The service was conducted in North Platte and the funeral procession made its way through Maxwell to Ford’s final resting place at Fort McPherson National Cemetery south of town.



“Every student from Maxwell schools, kindergarten through 12th grade—and other community

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members—lined the main street of Maxwell as that funeral procession moved through town,” he said. “I remember that so vividly. It was a great reflection of our community, of our state and of our nation.”

Veterans who are residents at Stone Hearth received special recognition. They, and their era of service, are: Dev Appleyard, World War II; Roy Bartlett, WWII; Bill Hutchison, WWII; Dwight Illingworth, WWII; Al Paul, WWII; Bob Peterson, WWII; Raymond Stapp, Korea; Ben Warner, Korea; Renee Wilkins, WWII.

