

Veterans remembered with special program

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School, community say 'thanks.'

Local veterans had a place of honor at Gothenburg Public Schools on Veterans Day.

They were recognized on Nov. 11 with music, song, speeches and lunch.

GHS senior Landen Haake, who is also student council president, introduced the guest speakers which included 2008 graduate Alex Peyton who is a military intelligence analyst in the Nebraska Army National Guard.

School superintendent Mike Teahon followed Peyton with remarks.

Alex Peyton

"In 1918, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the hostilities that were World War I, the war to end all wars, ceased. One year later, in 1919, President Hoover proclaimed the first Armistice Day, now called Veterans Day.

We are here today, 90 years later, and sadly the War to End All Wars didn't end all wars. In the past year we have added to the list of America's heroes the names of 141 soldiers killed in Iraq, 286 killed in Afghanistan, and the 13 killed this last week at Ft. Hood.

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