

SALUTE
TO IDAHO VETERANS



10:30	WELCOME, COIN PRESENTATION, MEET & GREET
11:00	INVOCATION & FLAG CEREMONY
11:30	POST COLORS & RECOGNIZE ATTENDING VETERANS
11:45	ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS
12:05	SALUTE TO IDAHO VETERANS GUEST SPEAKER: MAJOR PRISCILLA GIDDINGS
12:25	VETERAN GROUP PHOTO / LUNCHEON
12:30	PRESENT & CUT CAKE; SALUTE TO IDAHO VETERANS SLIDE SHOW
1:00	COMPLIMENTARY PHOTOS

SALUTE TO IDAHO VETERANS MASTER OF CEREMONIES: JASON WILLIAMS, TREASURER, FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF IDAHO





Welcome from Bryan Searle, President, Idaho Farm Bureau, Paul Roberts, Executive V.P. & C.E.O., Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Idaho, and Rick Keller, Executive V.P. & C.E.O., Idaho Farm Bureau Federation ALL OF US AT IDAHO FARM BUREAU ARE HONORED to present the Ninth Annual Salute to Idaho Veterans. This special event was created to let our Veterans and active duty military personnel know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made to protect our liberties. We hope this annual tradition will serve as a tangible reminder to our communities that the people of Idaho Farm Bureau value our allegiance to our country, as one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all. Thank you for joining us today, and thank you, Veterans, for your service to our country.

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Bryan Searle, President Idaho Farm Bureau

Paul Roberts, Executive VP & CEO Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. of Idaho Rick Keller, Executive VP & CEO Idaho Farm Bureau Federation



Enjoying the Ninth Annual Salute to Idaho Veterans

VIEWING THE FLAG CEREMONY

The flag ceremony, held on the east side of the building, can be viewed either inside or outside.

Outside viewing: Please fill in the area around the circle of grass in front of the building. Standing room only.

Inside viewing: The ceremony will be projected live on screens in our main floor atrium (near the eagle statue) and our bottom floor lunch room.

ELEVATORS

Two elevators, one on each side of the front desk, are available to take you to the bottom floor lunch room.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available on each floor. Please look for the restroom signs or ask a Farm Bureau employee (identified by their nametags) for directions.







COMPLIMENTARY PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS

Following the guest speaker's presentation, we invite all Veterans to remain on the main floor for a group photo by professional photographer Eric Gordon. Eric will take individual photos of each Veteran in front of our eagle statue immediately after the luncheon. We will mail you complimentary 8 x 10" prints of the group photo and your individual photo.

COMPLIMENTARY GIFT

Veterans: When you arrive you will receive a complimentary Salute commemorative coin as another way for us to say "Thank You" for your service. Please turn to page 28 for more information about this year's Farm Bureau Salute to Idaho Veterans coin.





Ken Medley

BUGLER



Ken Medley began learning to play the cornet in his home town of Kimberly, Idaho, where he played his first public solo in the eighth grade at the insistence of his band director. This was the first of many solos during his junior and senior high school years for various school and community functions. Following his high school graduation he enlisted in

the U.S. Navy as a musician, serving from 1953 to 1957. His duty stations were the U.S. Navy School of Music in Washington D.C., and then two Navy fleet bands: the heavy cruiser USS Toledo and later a shore station in Seattle. After leaving the Navy he attended Idaho State College where he played in the college band and college symphony orchestra. He was the featured trumpet soloist for the college band tour in 1959. During his college years he also played trumpet in the Gene Burton Dance Band which was very popular in the Pocatello area during the 1950s and 1960s. Medley also worked as an aircraft mechanic with inspection authorization for about ten years. He then started his own business repairing band instruments, an occupation he enjoyed for a total of 26 (though not consecutive) years. He earned a Masters degree in Audiology from Idaho State University in 1987. He was then employed by the university Speech and Hearing Center where he served as a clinic instructor in the Audiology program for ten years. He retired in 1989 and returned to repairing band instruments. He continues to play musical instruments including trumpet, saxophone, euphonium, and the bugle.





Kassidee Lee

NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER



Kassidee Lee was born and raised on a military base in Germany. She and her husband, Matthew, now live in Pocatello after marrying last year.

Her father, brother, and grandfather are all retired Marines. Consequently, the National

Anthem was one of the first songs she learned to sing as a child.

Kassidee has been singing since she was very little, and was classically trained in opera and jazz. Because of the military, she was "blessed to have been able to perform in a number of places, including the U.S.A., Germany, Austria, Russia, Portugal, Israel, and others."

Currently an English major, Kassidee works from home. Her hobbies include singing to animated movies, reading, writing, doodling, and "harassing my husband."





Idaho Falls Brass Quintet

THE IDAHO FALLS BRASS QUINTET

The Idaho Falls Brass Quintet was formed in 2006 from passionate amateur musicians whose day jobs involve technology. The quintet gives entertaining and informative performances to grade school students as part of the Idaho Falls Symphony's Outreach Program, and family concerts in parks, after-dinner concerts, and as featured guest artists. The Idaho Falls Brass Quintet presents a wide range of music including classical, marches, jazz, show tunes, and movie and television themes, and is available by contacting Bill Phoenix at (208) 522-3872 or billphoenix101@gmail.com.

TREVOR LEWIS, TRUMPET

Trevor Lewis holds a Ph.D in nuclear physics and has worked in academic research and also in Naval nuclear propulsion development and operations. He has played cornet and trumpet since grade school and has served as Principal Trumpet in several symphony orchestras, including the Washington Symphony Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Philharmonic. He was a charter member of the Idaho Brass Quintet beginning in the 1970s, and is currently Principal Trumpet in the Idaho Falls Symphony.

ROGER EVANS, TRUMPET

Roger Evans grew up in Idaho Falls playing trumpet and piano and has performed with numerous organizations such as the Idaho Falls Youth Arts Centre, Idaho Falls Opera Theatre, Sounds Choir,





Moscow Community Theatre, Pullman's Summer Palace, UI Theatre, and Spokane Civic Theatre. He is the Music Director for the IF Opera Theatre and a member of the Idaho Falls Symphony, Teton Chamber Orchestra, and Idaho Brass. He produces and directs an annual benefit concert, Roger's Revue, and is a member of the American Society of Music Arrangers and Composers. A graduate of University of Idaho in Music and Information Systems, his day job is with the State Department of Education in Information Technology as a Regional Coordinator, assisting school districts across Idaho.

KAMBER TURNER, FRENCH HORN

Kamber Turner grew up in Germany and Michigan. She moved to Idaho in 2006. She earned a Bachelors degree in Physics and Math teaching and a Master's degree in French Horn performance and pedagogy from BYU. She has played with many note-worthy groups including the Orchestra at Temple Square, Tucson Symphony Orchestra and Oregon Ballet. Currently, Kamber plays with the Idaho Falls Symphony, enjoys teaching horn students, and being a stay-at-home Mom. (continued on the next page)





Idaho Falls Brass Quintet (continued)

BILL PHOENIX, TROMBONE

Bill Phoenix was raised in Pocatello where he began playing trombone in 6th grade. Bill's trombone playing opened doors to communities throughout the U.S. and England where he was starting up commercial nuclear power plants. His career in nuclear engineering began 50 years ago at the Idaho National Laboratory, where he now works part-time helping restart the TREAT research reactor. Bill holds a Masters in Nuclear Engineering and Professional Engineering Licenses in Nuclear, Mechanical, and Instrumentation and Controls Engineering. In addition to managing the brass quintet, Bill plays in several groups in Idaho Falls and is the Bass Trombonist with the Idaho State Civic Symphony.

WILLIAM SMITH, TUBA

William Smith is a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and received a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Tennessee Technological University. He continued his studies at the University of New Mexico and performed with the New Mexico Brass Quintet before performing as principal tubist in the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band from 1989 to 1993. From 1994 to 2001, he was principal tubist with the Sun Valley Summer Symphony. Currently, William is Adjunct Instructor of Tuba and Euphonium at Idaho State University and is a member of the Idaho Falls Symphony and the Idaho Brass Quintet.





"Soldier"

BY GEORGE L. SKYPECK, VIETNAM VETERAN

I was that which others did not want to be.

I went where others feared to go and did what others failed to do.

I asked nothing from those who gave nothing,

And reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness should I fail.

I have seen the face of terror, felt the stinging cold of fear,

And enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love.

I have cried, pained, and hoped... But most of all

I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.

At least someday I will be able to say

That I was proud of what I was... a soldier.





U.S. Air Force Major Priscilla Giddings

THE 2019 "SALUTE" GUEST SPEAKER

Priscilla Giddings was raised on a small family ranch in White Bird, Idaho, and graduated from Salmon River High School in Riggins where she was the valedictorian and student body president.

A four-sport athlete in high school, she was recruited for the track and field program at the Air Force Academy, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

After college, she attended pilot training and was selected to fly a fighter aircraft, the A-10 Warthog. Upon completing fighter training at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, she was the only one in her class to be awarded "Top Gun," a weapons employment precision award.

She followed her A-10 assignment with a career-broadening assignment flying as the mission commander on intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions in the MC-12 aircraft.

Giddings deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom three times.





She has flown gliders, C-182s, DA-20s, T-6s, T-38s, A-10s, and MC-12s, logged nearly a thousand combat hours, and was awarded nine air medals.

While serving overseas, Giddings continued her education and earned a Master of Science in Physiology from the California University of Pennsylvania.

In July, 2014, Giddings separated from active duty. She currently serves as an Idaho State legislator representing District 7, and still serves in the Air Force Reserves as a Squadron Lead for Admission Liaisons for the Air Force Academy and ROTC.

Giddings lives on a small ranch in central Idaho with her family. She travels across the country as a motivational speaker highlighting the importance of "Strong Women."

Her book, Curiously Strong: A Female Fighter Pilot's Story of Developing Strength, is available from Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.





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"What My Family Member's Military Service Means to Me"

BY NICHOLAS WEICK, 6TH GRADE, POCATELLO

Veterans Day Essay Contest Winner, 1st-6th Grade

In my story, we're going to talk about how my grandpa served in the Vietnam war, who he battled, his injuries, and how he recognizes fellow Marines.

My grandpa served in the Marines when he turned 18. He served for about five years. He was a powder monkey. He would go through tunnels, place a bomb, and then crawl out of the tunnel as fast as he could. He fought in the Vietnam War. His service changed America forever by keeping the Vietnamese and the Soviet Union away forever.

It changed my life because now I have a grandpa that can tell stories about the war, his job in the war, his friends and their sacrifices, and he can brag about his scars and injuries.

It changed my family's life because they can know that their grandpa or husband or dad is still alive. And, they know that he served well and is alive, but with scars and stories to tell.

All of the Marines talk to him because they want to know what war he was in and how he served in the Vietnam War. When he sees a Marine he asks them what war they were in. Marines can tell another Marine because they wear their hats.





One night when they were sleeping, the enemy attacked their camp with bombs. My grandpa almost died but his friend jumped in front of the bomb. My grandpa's arm was blown off by the bomb. The shrapnel is in his brain from the bomb because he also got hit in the head and so he now has brain damage and is deaf.

He was taken to a helicopter as soon as possible and they rushed him to the hospital. When he got to the hospital they did surgery. After they healed him and did the surgery, he had a cast on his arm and his ears. He went blind in one eye, but after a year his eyesight came back to him.

He was in the hospital for a year. He earned two Purple Hearts.

My grandpa made many sacrifices for our country so that we may be free. I will be forever grateful.





"What My Family Member's Military Service Means to Me"

BY ROY HUTCHINGS, 8TH GRADE, RUPERT

Veterans Day Essay Contest Winner, 7th—9th Grade

What does my father's military service mean to me? I have learned a lot about life as a result of my dad's military service.

Enlisting in the military has been a rite of passage for the men in my family. My great grandpa served in World War II, my great uncle was a part of Doolittle's Raid, my grandpa served in the Vietnam War, and multiple uncles have served in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Somalia, and the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. My uncles have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. My grandpa was in the Army and my dad, David Hutchings, was in the Army and served in Desert Storm and Korea.

I also plan on enlisting in the United States Army.

My family legacy has taught me about what it means to truly give service and sacrifice to our country. In this essay I am going to discuss five things that I have learned from my army strong dad.



Respect. Respect is a big lesson I have learned throughout my 1. life. Having a dad in the military has taught me to have respect for myself, my family, and all those who have served or who are currently serving in the military. They put their lives at risk just so the rest of us can sleep safely at night. Some even lose their lives so that we can live a free one. The respect that I have gained for all veterans and active duty military service members has been a direct result of my own dad and his service. Without him being in the military, I may have not been taught why I need to respect those who are. My parents have taught me that I need to show this respect through my actions. As a family, we have sent Christmas care packages to our military members who were deployed on active duty as well as our Veterans through various service opportunities with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Veterans Hospital in Boise, and the Idaho Backcountry Veterans (IBV) group. IBV is a group who takes disabled Veterans outdoors to hunt and fish. As we have been out with these service men and women, we have been blessed to learn a lot from them about their experiences and love for our country.

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- 2. How to love America. I understand what it means to be patriotic. Military men and women put this country before themselves each and every day. I have been raised to always remember and appreciate that the military plays a major role in keeping our country a safe place to live.
- 3. There is no crying in the army. Life is hard. My dad has taught me through his example that I can do hard things. Even though he tells my brothers and I there is no crying in the army, he also lets us know that it is okay to have feelings and pray. Instead of crying, he has taught me that I should change what I don't like, and let go of things I can't fix.
- 4. Never stop trying. No matter where I'm at school, home, or playing, one of the best lessons I have ever gotten from my dad is to work hard and never give up. As Americans we are blessed with many things. To name a few, we get freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right to bear arms, and the right to assemble. The more freedoms we have, the harder we need to work to maintain and keep them.





5. Don't take life for granted. Be honored that you have privileges that other people in other countries don't get or have. We only get one life, so I try to make wise choices that would make my dad proud so he realizes how thankful I am for the sacrifices that he and other veterans make for our freedom. My definition of freedom is the ability to make choices and actions in my life without being controlled. That freedom is because of the U.S. soldiers' service and sacrifice.

I am thankful for every opportunity that I have been given in life, and none of it would be possible without the service and sacrifice of people like my dad. So, hooah to you dad, and thank you for teaching me so many life lessons!



"What My Family Member's Military Service Means to Me"

BY AMELIA PRINS, 12TH GRADE, HAGERMAN

Veterans Day Essay Contest Winner, 10th—12th Grade

When I think of my dad's military service, many emotions come to mind along with characteristics such as courage, sacrifice, and service.

I have been an army brat from the moment I came out of the womb, and I would not be the same unless my dad was in the military. My dad was a proud member of the United States Army for over 26 years. Out of those 26 years, he was deployed 17 times, which comes to around 15 years of him being out of the house, leaving my family without the head of the household. So instead, he was overseas, fighting for our great country's freedom and for the oppressed living in the deserted lands not having the peace, justice, and hope that we are generously given, not only sacrificing his own life, but also the glue holding our family together.

The thought of having a dad who was a member of the military brings emotions that I usually don't feel to my attention. I am so proud to say that he served for our country and brought honor to our nation. I get very emotional when talking about what my dad has done to protect us and protect those around the world that needed help.





My dad has never been someone to put himself before others. Whether it be a neighbor, family of a soldier, or a fellow soldier himself, if there is something that needs to be done, you could always find dad willing and ready to help whoever it may be without every expecting even a "thank you" in return. Many countless hours have been spent to help the needy, giving them someone who can give advice or even just listen.

I have had the privilege of living all over the United States and even another country, learning about different cultures and the diversity of mankind, all because of the service that my dad chose to give to our country. I have made friendships that will admittingly last a lifetime even though at the time they were hard to come by. I was pushed to go out of my comfort zone and try new things, and if you ask anyone that I am close with, they can attest that I was extremely reluctant to try anything new. My dad has shown me that having courage will get you far in life, wherever you want to go. He has taught me about having a strong work ethic and working for what I want, not just getting it because you want it.

This may sound a little cheesy or cliché, but I would not be who I am today if my dad was not in the military, pushing me to be the best person that I can be. If my future plans don't work as well as I am hoping for, I would gladly go and serve in the United States Army, not only because my dad taught me many important qualities, but also because my dad's service means so much to me that I would be honored to follow in his footsteps to make a difference in my kids' lives one day.





"The Color Guard" Eagle Statue

In 2001, artist David Anderson was commissioned to design an eagle sculpture. He wasn't sure what direction the project would take until September 11, 2001.

After the shock of watching the World Trade Center's Twin Towers crumble to the ground, Anderson was disturbed by the dismal news reports stating that there was no hope for the future and that would we continue to witness only ugliness and gloom.

Anderson then saw a glimmer of optimism in the non-stop news reports: a rescue worker, who narrowly escaped being buried by falling debris, staggered from the dust-shrouded rubble and collapsed onto the curb gasping for air. Another man rushed to his aid to help clean off his face and loosen some of the restrictive clothing allowing the rescuer to breath.

After seeing this humanitarian gesture, Anderson entered his studio "with a resolve to rise above the horror of terrorism."





Anderson chose to sculpt an American Bald Eagle, the symbol of the United States. The eagle's right talon lifts "Old Glory" off the ground, symbolizing American patriotism. The left talon is outstretched, ready to defend. The curved shape of the wings demonstrate a posture of protection for those within its shadow. Extreme care was taken to position the flag with the proper protocol, so that it could be viewed correctly from all sides, symbolizing the setting aside of political differences in order to unite the country. The posture of the eagle, leaning forward and rising upward, reflects the direction we must take in order to overcome all attacks on America.

Farm Bureau's "The Color Guard" is the first of only 13 one and one-half size castings of the eagle statue.





The Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard

The Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard participate in many events at schools, businesses, and on national holidays and community activities. They also perform the Military Rites for deceased Veterans at the request of family members or through the funeral homes officiating the services.

The following "Letter of Thanks" to the Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard was published in the *Idaho State Journal*:

"I came to Pocatello to attend a funeral. A wonderful service was held at the church and then we went to the cemetery for the burial.

I was impressed with the remarkable military graveside rites by the Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard. There was a sense of pride on their part since they were all in full uniform. All could have passed strict military inspection, they looked so sharp. As a former Pocatellan, I was very proud of what they did.

I didn't count, but I believe there were 15 or more involved. They handled the service and the American flag





with dignity and class. They had both old and young military veterans involved. This involvement will keep these traditions from disappearing in the future. Every branch of the services was represented, which was also very unique.

I was also pleased that these individuals would share of their time to be there and give back to one of their own who had served his country. My thanks to them, both for myself and for the family."

Farm Bureau would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard for their help with and participation in today's Salute to Idaho Veterans.

For more information about the Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard, please contact Commander Richard Hollingsworth at 208-221-0077.





The 2019 Salute to Idaho Veterans Commemorative Coin

On the front of the coin, ponderosa pines representing Idaho Veterans stand tall against a starry sky to create a likeness of Old Glory. The back of the coin features the "Salute to Idaho Veterans" logo.

We hope the coin reminds Veterans of this beautiful and bountiful country they helped protect and conveys our heartfelt gratitude for their role in preserving it.







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