

## **Honoring Our Veterans**

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Yesterday, November 11, Trinity's student council, band, and some cheerleaders held a ceremony honoring the Veterans of Seymour. Trinity welcomed guests in the building to participate in the ceremony, and the reviews were great to hear! The band played wonderfully accompanying Mr. Vorthmann in the songs of the armed forces and leading the group in the national anthem. Cheerleaders: Drew Hubbard, Taylor Marshall, Brooklyn Covey, Jasmine McCormick, and Kennedy Royalty held each branch's flag high as their anthem was sung.

The keynote speaker, Pastor Mulbach, participated in the air force, coast guard, and army, and he shared some of his experiences with the student body. The keynote speaker is always a particularly moving segment of the ceremony, as we hear the stories of those who fought first-hand and witnessed much bloodshed, yet it is of high importance that this tradition continues as a way to show the younger generations how lucky we are to have these freedoms.

Trinity's students and staff have many family members or alumni who have served, and a slideshow was presented to commemorate all those tied to Trinity who have served or are serving. As the slideshow played, Kaitlynn Rowe, Riley Lawles, and Addison Bumbleburg sang "O America!". Many of the guests in attendance loved this slideshow as well as the playing of "Taps". Dylan Green and Gabe Lorenz took on the tough job of playing this important song for all in attendance, and it sounded wonderful. After the two minute silence, Pastor Haugen wrapped up the ceremony with a prayer.

This yearly tradition is a wonderful way to remind us all of the sacrifices made every day for this country. It is important to the students of Trinity and the Veterans who attend every year that this tradition continue to be carried out. We are grateful for our hard-fought freedom, and it is a true blessing that Trinity's students have the chance to honor those who have fought for it.