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Snippets of history given in Veterans Day keynote speech

"At some time on Christmas Eve, the shooting ceased.

"At first light on Christmas Day, some German soldiers emerged from their trenches and approached the Allied lines across no-man's land, calling out "merry Christmas" in their enemies' native tongues. At first, the Allied soldiers feared it was a trick but seeing the Germans unarmed, they climbed out of their trenches and shook hands with the enemy soldiers.

"They exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum puddings and sang Christmas carols together. Some also from the opposing sides even played a good-natured game of soccer together.

"Some soldiers used this unofficial ceasefire for a much more somber task: the removal of the combatants who had fallen in no-man's land between the lines."

High school students who study his-

See HISTORY on other side



Keynote speaker Fred Tabor Jr., salutes those attending Wednesday's Veterans Day ceremony at Hoopeston Area Middle School.







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History continued from other side

tory learn about World War 1, but the history books don't focus on the men - boys, really - who were willing to die for a cause.

In a keynote speech at Wednesday's Veterans Day ceremony at Hoopeston Area Middle School, Fred Tabor Jr., tried to paint pictures of those involved in the

Tabor talked of Woodrow Wilson's April 2, 1971 war message to the congress. On April 6, war was declared on Germany. American troops arrived in France in June, and by November 1918, nearly two million American soldiers were involved in the war. Major fighting was confined to a relatively limited area, Tabor said: northeastern France, western Russia, the Balkan Peninsula, the Alpine frontier between Austria and Hungary, Italy and the deserts of what we today call the Middle East.

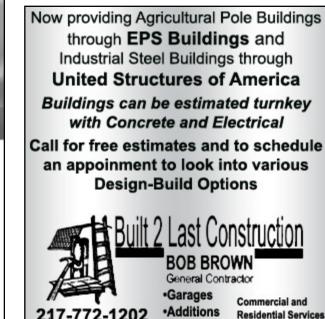
American soldiers were taken from the coast of France to the battle lines in small railcars marked with 40&8. Because the boxcar was their main mode of transportation on the French railroad, they were named Forty and Eighters or La Socite Des Quarante Et Weit Cheveaux.

Hostilities ended with the signing of the armistice at 11 a.m. on November 11, 2918.

Tabor explained that a salute is a matter of respect from a veteran to another person for his or her service and support to the cause. "Today, I salute you for taking

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the time to be here with your veterans on this day."

This is the second year Tabor has been the Veterans Day keynote speaker. Tabor served his country over many years, enlisting in 1978. He spent time in Germany, training in search and rescue, and in 1981, was involved in the search and rescue of 52 American hostages held in Tehran, Iran. He performed security detain in the Caribbean after the invasion of Grenada. He attained the rank of (SGT) Noncommissioned Officer.

Tabor is a Veterans Volunteer service officers assigned to Danville veterans' hospital by a national appointment in the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (V.A.V.S) program.

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