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Retired serviceman details history of Vets Day at ceremony

Fred Tabor Jr., knows a thing or two about duty to one's country.

Tabor, the keynote speaker at Tuesday's Veterans Day ceremony at Hoopeston Area Middle School, spoke of duty, of loss, of patriotism to students and guests assembled for the annual ceremony.

He spoke about the creation of Armistice Day, by President Woodrow Wilson, on the first anniversary of the end of World War I, and how President Dwight Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans Dav in 1954.

He spoke about the history of the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery-how the remains unidentified soldier was returned to the U.S. from France. The remains lay in state in the Capitol rotunda until Armistice Day, 1921, when President Warren Harding officiated at interment ceremony at the national cemetery.

He spoke about how important those back home are to soldiers serving overseas. "A soldier on the battlefield is only as good as his support team," he told the

audience.

himself.

Tabor fought his way into the U.S. Army in 1978, receiving a Congressional waiver from the Army's minimum height rule because of his height, 4'8", was less than the Army-mandated 5'.

With the height issue settled and in custom-made khakis, Tabor spent two years in Ansbach, Germany



Keynote speaker Fred Tabor Jr., addresses guests at Tuesday's Veterans What Tabor did not speak about is Day ceremony at Hoopeston Area Middle School.

> with A company 501st Combat Aviation Battalion, 1st Armored Division. He trained for mountain search and rescue in the German and Austrian Alps with a German army unit from Munich and traveled to Tehran, Iran, on a search and rescue mission to find the 52 American

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Honoring veterans Hoopeston Area student Alyssa Graveline, left, reads her essay at Tuesday's Veterans Day ceremony, while

right, Maya Webber plays "Taps" at the ceremony.



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hostages who were held captive for 444 days, from November 4, 1979, to January 20, 1981.

Tabor spent six years at Fort Bragg, North Carolina with C Troop 1st of the 17th Air Cavalry 82nd Airborne Division, which deployed to the Caribbean region for security details after the invasion of Grenada. His duties there were reconnaissance for the 82nd Airborne Division and the 20th Airborne Corps.

During his service, Tabor acquired two military specialties, aircraft power plant repairman and infantry and earned the Expert Infantry Badge and Senior Parachutist Wings with 163 military jumps. He attained the rank of (SGT) Noncommissioned Officer.

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

Tuesday's ceremony also included Alyssa Graveline reading her winning essay about Veterans Day, saying veterans are serving of highest pride for their sacrifice. She said while it is good that people reach out to veterans on their special day, that should not be the only day that the public recognizes veterans' service.

The high school band and choir also performed patriotic musical selections and the joint Hoopeston American Legion/VFW Color Guard provided flags and the placement of the helmet in memory of soldiers lost.

Hoopeston Area began hosting the annual Veterans Day ceremony in 2011.

Court Dispositions

October 2

Brandy Childers, Hoopeston, failed to appear for disobeying police, found guilty by default; sentencing November 6.

Aaron Linares, Hoopeston, failed to appear for disobeying police, found guilty by default; sentencing November 6.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 31. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 18. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 31, low 18.

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