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Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony

Wednesday, November 10, 2010 12 p.m. Veterans Park



Program

Master of CeremoniesKayla Urbano ASB Student Trustee
Presentation of ColorsParlier High School NJROTC
National AnthemJacob Alvarado ASB Merit Commissioner
Pledge of AllegianceKayla Urbano ASB Student Trustee
Special Presentation Reedley College Veterans Club
Guest SpeakerSteve Buck SCCCD Building Generalist
Presentation of WreathKourtney K. Dyer ASB President
Moment of Silence
TapsDr. John Heathcote Engineering & Math Instructor
ConclusionKayla Urbano ASB Student Trustee

Guest Speaker

Steve Buck has worked on the Reedley College campus for six years, but before that he served in the Maine Corps for 23 years. Steve was born in Maine in 1950. He was raised on a small potato farm and then moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1962. After high school in 1968, Steve joined the Marine Corps. He began his military career as a scout sniper and continued in the weapons maintenance field. He worked as a drill instructor from 1975 to 1977, and then he became a nuclear ordnance technician in the 1980s. During Operation Desert Storm, Steve served as the Marine Corps ordnance chief. He retired shortly after that as a master sergeant in 1991. He then moved to Squaw Valley, started a small cattle operation, and attended Reedley College full-time earning both an A.A. and A.S. degree. Steve then went to work as the facility manager and outdoor environmental educator at Sequoia Lake YMCA until 2004. At that time he was hired by State Center Community College District (SCCCD) and is currently the building generalist at Reedley College. He is married to Pati Angel, who works at Reedley High school, has two children, and three grandchildren who reside in the Bay Area.

History of Veterans Day

The American effort during World War II (1941 to 1945) saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force in the nation's history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War (1950 to 1953). In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Britain, France, Australia, and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World Wars I and II on or near November 11: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11. In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Ceremony, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country.