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VETERANS DAY

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SGT Joseph Wheaton Commanding Officer


SGT Joseph Wheaton spent multiple tours as an Army Ranger deployed in the Middle East. Upon redeploying to home to earn a law degree, Wheaton turned his attention to the need for quality education for students. Seeing the opportunity to be a leader in a classroom, he joined Teach for America for two years. There, he found that his experience as a squad leader – including attention to detail, ability to overcome obstacles and the ability to direct focus and provide motivation – prepared him well for leading a classroom.

Wheaton is now working as a full-time teacher and pursuing a Master of Education in Secondary Education degree at Arizona State University. It is his hope that a greater understanding of education policy, combined with his law degree, will enable him to affect change on the policy level and help close the opportunity gap in the education system.

In 2015, the Pat Tillman Foundation and National Football League selected Wheaton as a 2015 NFL-Tillman Scholar.

Veterans Day Ceremony 2016 Order of Events

Patriotic Music 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	4th Graders from Settlers Point Elementary Led by Stephanie Usrey & Sandra Hendrickson
Patriotic Music 11:10 AM - 11:30 AM	Williams Field High School Symphonic Band Mr. Bob Edgar, Director
Welcome - 11:30 AM	Jim Lykins, US Vietnam War Army Veteran
Parade and Post the Colors	Color Guards
National Anthem	Campo Verde HS Advanced Vocal Ensemble Mr. Matthew Flora, Director
Pledge of Allegiance	Jim Lykins, U.S. Army Veteran Vietnam War
Setting of MIA/POW Table	Higley Unified School District ROTC
Battle Field Cross	Higley Unified School District ROTC
Recognition of Veterans	Veterans, please stand as service song is played
Introduce Council and Dignitaries	Jim Lykins, US Vietnam War Army Veteran
Introduce Mayor Jen Daniels	Jim Lykins, US Vietnam War Army Veteran
Remarks and Presentation of Veterans Day Proclamation	The Honorable Jen Daniels Mayor, Town of Gilbert
Introduce Keynote Speaker	Jim Lykins, US Vietnam War Army Veteran
Keynote Speaker	SGT Joseph Wheaton
Taps, Retire the Colors	Dan Taylor
Conclusion – Thanks	Jim Lykins, US Vietnam War Army Veteran
Pipes and Drums	Gilbert Fire Department Ceremonial Team



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