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## Clyatt House Learning Center honors veterans



Veterans prepare to enjoy a program where children say the *Pledge of Allegiance*, perform two patriotic songs, present each individual veteran with a little flag and artwork. And then they were treated to a buffet style breakfast.

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**CHIEFLAND** – Many, many schools, churches, cities, counties and other groups honored veterans before, during and after Veterans Day.

Among those groups is Clyatt House Learning Center of Chiefland, which provided several veterans with songs and breakfast on Tuesday morning (Nov. 10).

Clyatt House Learning Center of Chiefland Manager Jaime Suber organized the event, which included Frank Pitts and Josh Davis cooking a big part of that breakfast. Pitts and his wife Vicky Pitts opened this infant to young children learning center on Nov. 12, 1992.



Children prepare to say the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

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**Children sing *You're A Grand Old Flag*.**



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**Veteran Jack Hudson accepts a flag as a child says 'Thank you' to him for his service in the United States military.**



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**Army veteran Kary Colson accepts a flag.**



**A view of some of the breakfast items**

This was their second Veterans Day Breakfast. Every member of staff at the learning center played a part in the celebration, as did all of the infants and children.

Davis is one of the students' fathers who volunteers.

The veterans gathered in a room and enjoyed coffee before the start of the event. Then they were led out through one door and in through another as they were walked past a hallway filled with children waving American flags.

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**Co-cook Josh Davis stands near the breakfast to be provided to veterans. The other cook of the morning was Frank Pitts, a veteran of the Army and the Air Force.**

Several of the children then gathered to say the *Pledge of Allegiance*, and they were joined by everyone in attendance.

The children then sang two songs *You're A Grand Old Flag* (1906) and *This Land Is Your Land* (1944).

Then, each veteran in attendance was presented with a small flag by a child. In some cases, the flags were presented by their children and grandchildren, and in other instances, they were presented by random children who eagerly accepted the mission.

The children also told veterans what they learned "veterans" are.

"Veterans are people who protect us from mean guys," was one answer.

Another student announced that "Veterans protect our homes."

Suber said the children and everyone are thankful for veterans who served to protect the country. Not only was every veteran recognized, but family members who are left at home were also recognized.

Frank Pitts, who was in the United States Army for six years and the United States Air Force for 14 years was among the veterans recognized. Vicky Pitts was recognized as Suber announced those names of family who stayed home, and Vicky Pitts announced Suber's name as one of those people too.

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The delicious breakfast consisted of eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, muffins, fresh fruit, fruit juices, coffee and more.

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