

Honoring the honorable Veterans Ceremony at Monument Academy

They were some of the 500 people who attended the “Honoring the Honorable” Veterans Day Ceremony at Monument Academy on Nov. 11. Young Marine Sgt. Reid Luna gave a presentation on the purpose and symbolism of the Table of Remembrance on display to honor soldiers miss-

ing in action. The band and choirs played “You’re a Grand Old Flag,” “O, America!” and “Armed Forces—The Pride of America.” Retired Air Force Maj. William Frier, the keynote speaker for the ceremony, is a third-generation graduate from West Point who pioneered a Spanish-lan-

guage instruction broadcast at the Air Force Academy. He told the gathered veterans, Monument Academy students, and families, “Live your life for the benefit of many, not for yourself. This is the spirit of duty, honor, and country I have seen so often in my fellow military veterans.”



Above: Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Dona Hildebrand, left, who served in Korea, Vietnam, and Germany, and Navy Vietnam veteran Judy Pohlod were charter members of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Arlington, Va., and were guests at its dedication in 1997.



Above: Retired Army Col. Kenneth F. Keller. In his last assignment, he was stationed at Camp Smith, Pacific Command Headquarters, Hawaii, where he was serving as the Nuclear Warfare Planning officer. *Photos by Lisa Hatfield.*

