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## Veterans High Wrestlers Win State Awards to Include Championship



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Nine Veterans High School students won individual awards at the GHSA 5A state wrestling tournament to include the state championship. Sophomore Francis Morrisey brought home the championship for the second consecutive year, having also won in 2018. The team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, the best in the school's history. Two female wrestlers also placed at the inaugural Girls State wrestling tournament.

Morrisey (pictured left) won first place in the 152 pounds weight class for the state of Georgia. He beat out Buford to defend his title, which he won previously at 138 pounds. His record this year is 61-0, and his coach is Garrett Martin.

The 2019 GHSA Traditional Wrestling State Championships were held Feb. 13-16 at the Macon Centreplex before a capacity crowd. A total of 108 individual state titles were awarded.

In addition to Morrisey, congratulations to the following Veterans wrestlers:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 160 lbs., Kevin Reynolds
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 132 lbs., Julian Farber
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 225 lbs., Markayla Stewart (female)
- 4<sup>th</sup> place - 170 lbs., Colt Schneller
- 4<sup>th</sup> place - 176 lbs., Emilie Rhome (female)
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - 182 lbs., Austin Suess
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - 195 lbs., Wylde Wilkerson and
- 6<sup>th</sup> place - 145 lbs., Tanner Vorse.

The Veterans Warhawks who went to state, including those who medaled, are pictured in no particular order.



Veterans High School is located 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen. Dr. Amy Barbour serves as principal. For more information, please call the school at 478-218-7537.

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