RHS students ‘celebrate and honor’ veterans

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RANDLEMAN — Randleman High School (RHS) hosted a Veterans Day Celebration Program on Friday with veterans from throughout the community attending.

They represented a variety of branches of the military and wars, among them a veteran of World War II, James Huffstetler. Students were in charge of the entire proceedings.

The ceremony began with The Entrance of Veterans. Each veteran was guided to his or her seat by the JROTC. Students applauded and waved American flags.

PROUDLY WE WAVE — Randleman High School seniors, Hayley Dean, left, and Madison White hold American Flags and clap during the Entrance of Veterans Friday.
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