Trustee Joe Guernsey & friends at the Canteen.

The Canteen singers decked out in their poodle skirts and handkerchiefs.

Our Canteen boys flanked by the American Flag, made of balloons.

Our lovely Canteen servers.

A little Highlander poses proudly by the Veteran Wall.

Kathy Pumphrey and Christine Reddaway sell Veteran's Day T-shirts outside of the auditorium.

"Bob Hope"

Fireman, Frank Roca. Frank is husband to 1st grade teacher, Jill, and father to student, Maggie.

We were entertained by Canteen dancers as well.

A highly decorated Captain in the United States Navy, LHPS President Warren Hudson.


Co-chairs of the program, Anne Richie and Josie Rodriguez-Martinez

Veteran's unite!

Our golf cart transporters helped with getting folks from their cars to the gym.

Rev. Sims leads us in prayer.

Colonel Labadie, Captain Cazort and Skipper Dorman.

Michael Paulauski, 4th grade

The finale.

A sign language interpreter deciphers for the crowd.

Our "Red Cross" nurses form a choir.

Arnold (Navy) and Mary Lou Zajacek, grandparents of students Tyler & Griffin Hanson.
Veteran's Day, 2001: Freedom is not Free

Theme: The Korean War

Our annual Veteran's Day assembly was presented three times on November 8th. The event was a very touching tribute to our many heroes as most of the LHPS faculty, staff, administrators, trustees, students and family were involved in the show. The Co-Chairs of the event, Josie Rodriguez-Martinez and Anne Richie worked along side of Cheryl Sims, the Special Events Coordinator, to pull off this spectacular event.

By November 1st, work was underway to dress-up LHPS with red, white and blue. Hallways, cafeteria walls and display windows became a showcase for patriotic art and memorabilia. The LS lobby became a reminder of children's activities during wartime, displaying children's toys from the 1940's and 1950's. In addition, hundreds of stars in patriotic colors and paratroopers and parachutes designed by students were also displayed.

The “USO Show” depicting the Korean War era included LS and US performers, and the staff choir dressed in Red Cross nurses' uniforms. The “Canteen” reception that followed each of the performances took place in the auditorium and was made to look like a Korean War canteen. Performances by the 6th grade drama wheel students entertained guests throughout the day. Along with food and beverage, a vintage jukebox provided the 1950's ambiance.

The following is a breakdown of those who participated in the program prior to the Salute:

- 16 faculty/trustees/staff/administrators videotaped interviews
- All 7th-12th grade English students wrote essays
- Ginger Bryant's Journalism class prepared the program booklet
- The Video Production class produced, video taped and edited the video
- The Web Production class produced the informative web site material
- Lower School hallways were decorated with student artwork/writing
- History/Social Study classes 3rd - 12th grade had curriculum material
- Teacher/Staff/Parent committees and departments- countless hours for printing, decor, invitations, planning, set-up etc.
- 32 students auditioned to sing the National Anthem
- Upper School displayed art work
- 150 formal invitations were sent
- 202 new entries were submitted to the Veteran’s Wall
- 585 T-shirts were purchased.

The following is a breakdown of those who participated in the program itself:

- 337 participated as either singers, actors, band members, readers, etc.
- 7 were a part of the Video Production Crew
- 45 Pre-Kindergarten performed in the “pre-show”
- 35 were Canteen entertainers and servers
- 115 Student Council welcomed attendees
- 53 Parents and Faculty lead in the salute, welcoming, canteen, golf cart transportation, security, maintenance, cafeteria etc.
- 6 participated in lights/sound and technology
- 75+ Boy and Girl Scouts waved flags and welcomed guests

The Lake Highland annual Veteran’s Day Salute serves a couple of purposes: honor our men and women who have served our country, offer our students education about war, Veterans and their families and life after war. This year's salute took on a new and special meaning due to the September 11th tragedy. A special tribute was offered near the end of each performance when people resembling those who lost their lives on September 11th (fireman, flight attendants, police officers, etc) made their way to the stage for the singing of “God Bless America.”

The following photos depict the many members of the LHPS family that were involved in some way with the 2001 Veteran’s Day program, “Freedom is not Free.”