



Town of Reading

Veterans Day Program

November 11, 2013 ~ 11:00 AM

Sgt. Kyle McArdle



Sgt. McArdle entered the Army in May 2010 and reported to Ft. Jackson for basic training after which he went to AIT at Ft. Sill for his MOS 13F. After spending one month at Ft. Stewart he was deployed to Ramadi, Iraq where he served as a fire support specialist, FO radio operator, and Platoon Leader radio operator.

Upon his return to the US he was promoted to the position of Platoon FO as a PFC. During field training exercises Sgt. McArdle's superior job performance was recognized by the brigade commander and he was appointed the main FO for all brigade field exercises.

In October 2012 he went to Ft. Sill for Joint Fire Observer School and graduated in the top three in his class. He was promoted to sergeant and was made the FSNCO of his company. When his unit was deployed to Afghanistan in February 2012 he was promoted to Platoon Sergeant and for six months he commanded 37 transitioning men and women and oversaw their transition out of the Army. Sgt. McArdle transitioned out of the Army in August 2013.

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The National Anthem..... RMHS Small Ensemble

Pledge of Allegiance..... Boy Scouts – Troop 702

Prayer D.A.V. Ladies Auxiliary Donna Horton

Welcoming Remarks Frank Driscoll, Veterans' Service Officer

Veterans Day Poems Introduction by Jill Mayberry
Recitation by Joshua Eaton School Students: Grade 4: Kate Coughlin,
Madaket Rzepka, Casey Viera, Eva Michel; Grade 3: Sean McClellan,
Jack Viera, Noah Santucci, Erin Marquardt, Ellen Richards

America the Beautiful..... RMHS Small Ensemble

Guest Speaker:

Sgt. Kyle McArdle..... US ARMY

Taps..... RMHS Small Ensemble



Note: In case of inclement weather all observances will be held at the Reading Senior Center located at 49 Pleasant Street.

History of Veterans Day

World War I, known at the time as “The Great War” officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919 in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”



Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."