2017
Tribute to Veterans

November 10, 2017
West Jefferson Middle School
Conifer, Colorado
TODAY'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER

A native of Buffalo, NY, Mr. Musca served 28 years in the US Marine Corps, holding a variety of operational and command billets to include Platoon Leader, Company XO and Company CO at 2nd Combat Engineer BN (CEB) at Camp Lejeune, NC and 3rd Landing Support BN in Okinawa, Japan; Ops O and BN XO 1st CEB Camp Pendleton, CA; Engineer Task Force Commander for Task Force Papa Bear during Operation Desert Shield/Storm; 1st CEB CO and CO Marine Corps Engineer School (MCES). His staff tours included Instructor at MCES; Company A, Marine Embassy Security Guard BN in Frankfurt, Germany; CNO staff (N-85, Expeditionary Warfare Division); 1st Marine Division Deputy G-4; and Joint Staff, J-3.

His personal military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Combat Distinguishing Device, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star and Combat Action Ribbon.

Students have written letters to be distributed to local veterans through the Golden VA Clinic.

The “Thank a Veteran” signs lining the driveway were printed by Aardvark Graphic Solutions.

American Legion Post 2001 (legionpost2001.org) generously loaned the POW/MIA flag we are using today.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Arrival
Welcome Laura Garrison
   Instrumental music director
Presentation of Colors
   Members of Boy Scout Troops 400, 737, and 1776
Pledge of Allegiance
Music “Star Spangled Banner”
Video Student “Thank You” Montage
Music “Armed Forces Medley”
   Please stand for the song from your branch of service.
   8th Grade Band & Orchestra, 6th - 8th Grade Choir
Video Patriot Salute
Introduction Justin Little
   7th & 8th grade science teacher
Keynote COL Joseph Musca
   (US Marine Corp, Ret.)
Music “America, the Beautiful”
   (Lyrics by Katharine Lee Bates, music by Samuel A. Ward, arranged by Jack Bullock)
   8th Grade Band & Orchestra
Closing
Students will exit the gymnasium and line the halls to applaud servicemembers as they proceed to the cafetorium for a reception.