AGUA FRIA
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Agua Fria High School District Honors Veterans at Community Breakfast

(Goodyear, AZ) – On October 29, 2024, more than 150 community members from across the Southwest Valley gathered to celebrate and honor Veterans at the Fourth Annual Veterans Day breakfast, hosted by Agua Fria High School District and the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). Patriotic decorations filled the room, and beautifully assorted bouquets were placed on each table. Attendees had the opportunity to take home centerpieces with a donation to the JROTC program at Agua Fria High School.

The morning included the Agua Fria High School Air Force JROTC presenting the colors, followed by the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance, all led by JROTC students from Agua Fria High School.

 As has become a tradition, the event included the moving Prisoner of War/Missing in Action remembrance ceremony to honor Veterans who are no longer with us. A round table is set on the stage, featuring symbolic items including an inverted glass, a slice of lemon, a red ribbon, a pinch of salt, and more. Each item represents a significant aspect of the sacrifice made by fallen soldiers.

Each Veteran in attendance was recognized for their service during the ceremony and stood when their branch's anthem was played. Veterans were also presented with "Challenge Coins" by SuperintendentMark Yslas.

To view photos and videos from recent and past celebrations, visit aguafria.org/veteran.

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Agua Fria Union High School District was established in 1955. Today, the district serves the communities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, with six high schools: Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Millennium,Verrado and Agua Fria Online. Plus the District offers two alternative programs: Coldwater Academy and New Directions. More information can be found at aguafria.org