

## PATRIOTS' DAY

# A day for heroes, all the way around

## JROTC programs take part in poignant ceremony

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The heroes at Heroes honored more heroes.

Led by cadets from Centennial High School's Junior ROTC program, a brief but poignant Patriots' Day ceremony at Heroes K-8 Academy saw the lowering of the flag to half staff, a reminder of the tragic loss and heroic sacrifice that marked Sept. 11, 2001.

"Fifteen years ago on Sept. 11, the largest terrorist attack against the USA took place. It was a day of fear and destruction," said a solemn voice over the school loudspeaker. "It was also a day of heroes. It didn't matter your race, religion, orientation or creed. Fear turned to bravery and action.

"Men and women, who just a few minutes before were strangers,

raced toward danger together as brothers and sisters to stop the evil. It was a day where the entire world stood up strong against terrorism."

Standing in formation in the shadow of the flagpole were members of the new Heroes JROTC program, or J Squared.

An innovative collaboration with the Centennial JROTC program, J Squared

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Saluting the half-staff flag outside Heroes K-8 Academy are (from left) Dusty Weigel, a J Squared cadet; Centennial JROTC cadet Emily Bolstad; J Squared cadet Caeli Montgomery; and Centennial cadet Jessica Bosley.

