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# Military Appreciation Night

Chapin's NJROTC recently hosted a Military appreciation night during halftime, providing a patriotic and inspiring show for current heroes and veterans in honor of their service. The NJROTC Drum and Bugle Corps played The National Anthem as well as God bless the USA and the four service songs. Anchors Away was used to signal the beginning of the NJROTC silent drill and the raising of a banner that displayed a US carrier as well as the unrolling of the 30 ft American flag. When the Marine Corps hymn was played, the reenactment team displayed the scene of raising the flag at Iwo Jima. Cadet Jakob Free escorted special guest Terry Cotney, CEO of the freedom and Hope foundation, onto the field where principal Dr. Akil Ross and Battalion Commanding Executive officer Chandler Jones (CADET Cdr Reid Creswell was with the football team) presented a \$1000 check for the wounded heroes as well as a Chapin Medal of Freedom to the wounded veterans in attendance. Approximate 4000 Chapinites were silent as taps was played and everyone left the field while holding thousands of miniature American Flags.



Top right: Principal Dr. Ross and Colonel Slack after a successful halftime show.

Above: Cadets hold up a Navy Carrier banner during the halftime show.

To the Right: Chapin's reenactment team getting ready for the halftime show.