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**Media Invite:**

**Veterans Day Ceremony at Rotolo Middle School to Honor and Thank  
All Who Served in the United States Armed Forces**

**Fri., Nov. 11, 9-10:15 a.m.**

**November 8, 2016 (Batavia, IL)** - On Friday, November 11, from 9-10:15 a.m., all students in sixth through eighth grades at Rotolo Middle School will be participating in a Veterans Day Ceremony in the school gymnasium.

The annual ceremony is particularly special this year as it's the first time the Marmion Academy Color Guard and bagpiper Phillip Keppel, a former RMS band student, will be performing for attending veterans. It's also the first year the event will be held in the school gymnasium, allowing all 1,500 RMS students to attend and honor all those who have served in the United State Armed Forces.

The keynote speaker of the 2016 RMS Veterans Day Ceremony will be Allen James Lynch. Sgt. Lynch is a former United States Army soldier and a recipient of the United States military's highest decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his actions in the Vietnam War. President Richard Nixon presented him with the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1970. Sgt. Lynch is the father of Carolyn Parker, a sixth grade teacher at Rotolo Middle School.

The RMS Veterans Day Ceremony was first started over 15 years ago by seventh-grade teachers, including Barbara Kalina, who retired after 23 years of teaching at RMS. The former English/Language Arts teacher and current Batavia resident will be a guest speaker at the Nov. 11 ceremony.

Also central to the RMS Veterans Day Ceremony are presentations by RMS students and performances by the RMS band, orchestra, and chorus.

**BHS, GMS, LWS Veterans Day Ceremonies**

Veterans Day Ceremonies will also be held at the following BPS101 Schools.

- Batavia High School - 7:15 a.m. Outdoor Flag Ceremony with BHS Band ensemble at Main Street Entrance
- Grace McWayne Elementary School - 10:10 a.m. in the school gymnasium with attending veterans
- Louise White Elementary School - 11 a.m. in the school gymnasium with attending veterans

Members of the media should contact Sue Gillerlain at sue.gillerlain@bps101.net or (630) 937-8824 if planning to attend the RMS, BHS, GMS, and/or LWS Veterans Day events.

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