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Tazewell County Board

Continuing a Family Tradition of Community Service

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[East Peoria, Washington and Morton Community Veterans Recognition Events](#)

Tazewell County Regional Superintendent of Schools Rob Houchin, Tazewell County Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent Steve Saal and Tazewell County Board Member John C. Ackerman in conjunction with the Washington, East Peoria and Morton Junior High School Districts have put together a Community Veterans Recognition Program involving all 8th grade students and invited community veterans in Washington, East Peoria and Morton. This event is FREE to all current military personnel and veterans and is being provided at no cost to the schools.

East Peoria Community	November 9th, 9:00 AM	Paradise Hotel Ballroom
Washington Community	November 10th, 9:00 AM	Five Points Center Auditorium
Morton Community	November 12th, 9:00 AM	Morton Junior High School

The goal of this program is to increase the awareness and recognition of veterans throughout the community. As such, the students are encouraged to invite a family member or guest that is a veteran or current military member to the event. Again, this event is FREE to all guest. We want this to be an opportunity to recognize their efforts and services to this country. The students could invite a grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle, neighbor, ext.. All veterans and current military personnel are welcomed to attend with or without a student invitation and students can invite as many guests as they wish. All we ask is that guest call in to register before the event so we can get a count of who all is attending.

You can register by calling Steve Saal at (309) 477-2271 or email him at tazvet@mtco.com. When you register, you will be asked to provide your name, branch of service, and conflict. This information will be used during the program.

Several speakers have been lined up for these events and the keynote speaker is Norman Standish of Lanark, Illinois. Dr. Standish was a civilian working for the military during World War II, in a veteran of the Korean War, and is a direct descendant of Miles Standish who was the Military Official on the Mayflower.

Please take this opportunity to talk with your students and community veterans about this event and also please provide them with the contact information. A copy of this Press Release is available on my website at www.JohnCAckerman.com under the "In The News" tab. You can also contact Steve Saal at (309) 477-2271 or tazvet@mtco.com.

Sponsors of this event include all of our host locations that generously donated the space of these events and Cornerstone Inn on the Square in Washington that housed our Keynote Speaker.

As always, I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve you on the Tazewell County Board and if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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