

NOTTOWAY HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC

Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony

Nottoway NJROTC Honors September 11 with Solemn Flag Ceremony

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Nottoway High School NJROTC cadets raise the United States flag to half-staff during the school's September 11 remembrance ceremony.

Nottoway High School students paused Thursday morning as the NJROTC unit held a solemn flag ceremony in remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

The ceremony brought students, staff, and cadets together for a moment of reflection, respect, and unity. As the school gathered outside, members of the Nottoway High School NJROTC Color Guard carried out the raising of the United States flag to half-staff, a traditional sign of mourning and remembrance.

The Color Guard—Cadet Morgan Griffiths, Cadet Jeana Jablonski, Cadet Neveah Rorrer, and Cadet Alexis Kirby—also raised the Patriot Day Freedom Flag, a powerful symbol created to honor the victims, heroes, and sacrifices connected to the events of 9/11.

Cadet LCDR Ava Booth, the unit’s Commanding Officer, served as narrator for the ceremony. She explained the meaning behind the Freedom Flag’s design, helping students better understand the symbolism represented in its colors and patterns. The flag’s blue field represents unity, while its two bold red stripes symbolize the Twin Towers. Additional elements honor the Pentagon, Flight 77, Flight 93, first responders, and the five branches of the United States military.

As the flags were raised, the sound of “Taps” played across the courtyard, bringing a quiet stillness over the student body. The ceremony concluded with everyone in attendance standing together to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

“The annual tradition serves as both a history lesson and a moment of reflection for students, ensuring that the legacy of 9/11—and the unity it inspired—will not be forgotten.”

— Senior Chief Perrin, Naval Science Instructor

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