



# Souhegan Community Pays Tribute to Local Heroes and Veterans



Color guard with Souhegan Football Team



Ryan Pitts, Medal of Honor Recipient, is a 2003 graduate of SHS



Con-Val Football Team with color guard



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Souhegan High School principal, Rob Scully welcomed the veterans and guests in his opening heartfelt remarks. A moment of remembrance was held for Lance Cpl Brandon Garabrant, who made the final sacrifice in Afghanistan. He was a member of the Con-Val Class of 2013. His parents were in attendance.

Governor Maggie Hassan was unable to attend. Connor Jennings from Senator Jeanne Shaheen's office made the Presentation of Flags to the Garabrants and Ryan Pitts.

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The guest of honor, Staff Sergeant Pitts in his brief remarks spoke of the remarkable service Brandon Garabrant made to his community and his country. "He was a proud Marine. Tonight should be more about Brandon. There's nothing greater than laying down your life for your country."

Marie Grella, Cemetery Trustee and Maggie Paul, Community Service Coordinator organized the reception honoring Ryan Pitts and Brandon Garabrant before the football game. Invited to the reception were the Amherst and Mont Vernon police, fire departments, Town selectman, State Representatives, U.S. State Senators and the Governor.

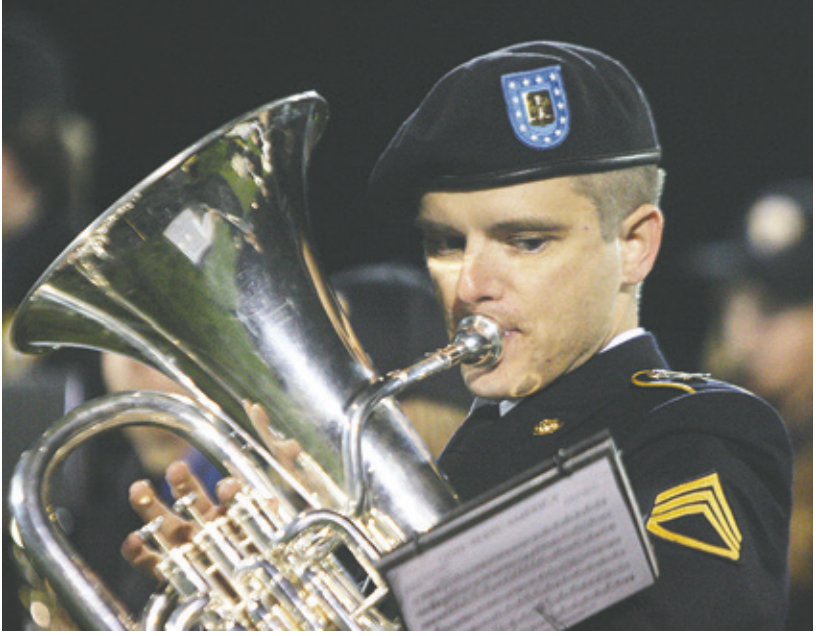
Maggie Paul also explained that this year, as a way to honor Pitt's service, Souhegan advisories will be doing their service day with local Veterans. On November 7th and 10th, 275 students will be helping local Veterans as a way of saying thank you to them and also to Ryan Pitts.



Marine LCpl. Brandon Garabrant from Peterborough was honored for his sacrifice



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The Souhegan band under the direction of Carl Benevides, performed with members of the military band

*It is a Veteran  
Not the preacher,  
Who has given us freedom of religion.*

*It is the VETERAN,  
Not the reporter,  
Who has given us freedom of press.*

*It is the VETERAN,  
Not the poet,  
Who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the VETERAN,  
Not the campus organizer,  
Who has given us freedom to assemble.*

*It is the VETERAN,  
Not the lawyer,  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It is the VETERAN,  
Not the politician,  
Who has given us the right to vote.*

*It is the VETERAN,  
Who salutes the flag*

*It is the VETERAN,  
Who serves under the flag*



Ryan Pitts stands with parents of Brandon Garabrant during ceremonies

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