# OCTOBER NEWS LETTER

## **Highway Opening**

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the McDonald County JROTC color guard presented the colors at the grand opening of highway I-49. The color guard consisted of cadets McDonald, Canaan Moore, Katie Moore, Burton, and Pulliam. Color guard cadets helped open the highway from Missouri to Arkansas. Highway I-49 has officially opened to the public for transportation. Special guests Governor Mike Parsons and Missouri state representative Dirk Deaton.

Jayden Cheek with his Grandmother In the picture to the right is JROTC Color Guard with Dirk Deaton



In the picture to the left is JROTC Color Guard with Mike Parsons

## Senior Night

Jasmine McDonald with Mother and Step-Dad On Friday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 McDonald County held senior night for those in Football, JROTC, and Band. The seniors that were being recognized for JROTC are members of color guard. These two cadets are Jasmine McDonald and Jayden Cheek. McDonald has been in JROTC for 4 years, Drill Team 3. Cheek has been in JROTC for 4 years, Drill Team 1, Rifle Team 3.

#### Rifle Meets

Thursday, September 30th at 1530-1800 The McDonald County Marksmanship team competed with Webb City and Joplin. Saturday, October 2nd at 0900-1100 the marksmanship team competed with Monett and Nevada. Our Advanced Rifle team Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and consisted of Cadet Cheek, Burton, C. Moore and Testermen. Our Basic Rifle team also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and consisted of Cadet Medlin, Hackworth, Price and Miller.



### **Chris Marion Day**

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The day that we honored Chris Marion was October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jane Cemetery. Christopher Marion is the son of Velma and Walter Wood, and the late Roy Marion. Marion graduated in 2005, followed his dream of serving his country and enlisted in the United Sates Army. He later deployed to Afghanistan where he was killed in action in 2006, defending his country's freedom. Christopher Marion will always be remembered and we will continue to pay tribute for his sacrifice.