

Lieutenant Colonel

David L. Hartline

Biography

Lieutenant Colonel David L. Hartline was born on a cotton farm in Cherokee County in Northeast Alabama. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in January 1968 where he served as a recon scout in Vietnam, was wounded twice, and

received several medals. When retiring after 23 years, David continued his education while serving as a police officer and chief of police. He became a college instructor, and he is the author of four books on military experience, which appeared on the best seller list, rated 5 stars. AAFES purchased the books and sent him on a national book signing tour to all the military bases.

David began conducting motivational speaking to troops; he continued these speeches for 35+ years. As an officer in the Tennessee Guard Headquarters in Nashville, TN, during Desert Storm David was involved in sending radiograms from the Opry Land Hotel to the troops in Iraq for two days.

During Desert Storm, David's leadership earned him 2 medals of achievement.

David was named veteran of the year by the Governor of Alabama and was also chosen as Legionnaire of the year by Alabama American Legion, where he served as the state commander. He was proclaimed super citizen by TBS Television Station.

David has dedicated 50 years of his life assisting veterans and their families with the many problems they have as well as assisting any needy persons in the community.

David and his wife, Patricia, have raised 4 children. They have 10

Veterans Day Program



Gaylesville School

November 7, 2025

9:00 A.M.

GHS New Gym

grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. They live on the farm that has been in the family since 1840.	
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We Salute Our Veterans

Gaylesville School

November 7, 2025

Welcome.....Hunter Hollingsworth, Laci Johnson, Aniah
McCary Opening
Prayer.....FCA
National Anthem.....Brooke
Sentell Pledge of Allegiance.....Junior
Beta Officers Grand Ole Flag.....1st & 3rd
Grade Students Thank You Soldiers.....2nd &
4th Grade Students Guest Speaker.....Lieutenant
Colonel David L. Hartline Military Branch
Recognition.....Chloe Mobbs Closing &
Lunch Invitation.....Hunter Hollingsworth, Chloe Mobbs

**Immediately following today's program, our veterans, along
with one guest, are invited to attend a luncheon in the FACS
room. Greeters: Gaylesville Peer Helpers and FCCLA Officers**

Thank a Veteran: A Veterans Day Poem

Author unknown

Today is the day we honor,
the noble and the brave,
the men and women who dedicated their
lives, and the sacrifices that they have made.
When America had an urgent need,
they were the first to raise their hand,
without thinking twice about it,
they were proud to take a stand.
Some came back from war with battle scars,
others in flagged draped coffins,
even though their flesh may have left,
their spirits will never be forgotten.
They unselfishly and knowingly,
put their lives on the line,
so when you see a veteran, thank them,
because without them, freedom would have died.

