

Veterans earn their day of honor

By Kathryn Reed

Sacrifice. That was the word that dominated the Veterans Day ceremony in South Lake Tahoe this morning.

Today is a time to honor the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces and those who continue to do so.



Dylan Martin, 9, at the Veterans Day ceremony in South Lake Tahoe.

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“There is no mission more noble than serving our country,” said Bill Kerr, a Marine veteran from World War II and Korea.

More than 80 people gathered under gray skies at the Stella Van Dyke Johnson American Legion Post 795 to recognize all veterans.

Legion Cmdr. Blair Clark pointed out that sacrifice is just part of the job when someone joins the military.

Clark presented John Filas with a plaque in honor of the work

he does at the Legion that is always appreciated, but not always recognized.

Filas served in the Marines 69 years ago. He spent a couple days getting the grounds ready for today's ceremony. In the spring and summer he is often out back planting flowers.

All ages attended the ceremony. A busload from Kindertown was there – with handmade red, white and blue hats.

Boy Scouts, too, were there.

Dylan Martin, 9, likes coming to these events. His grandfather served in the military.

“I like that you get to have a chance to observe veterans. It's a special time of year. You can have a great time, too,” Martin said as he waited for the festivities to begin.