

# Davis pays tribute to America's veterans



Raymond Carpenter (in red jacket and VFW hat), who served in Korea and Vietnam, applauds after the Davis High School Madrigal Singers serenaded him with "Happy Birthday." Sue Cockrell/Enterprise photo

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Several hundred people gathered Tuesday morning — at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month — to honor America's veterans and reflect on their service to our country. Flags fluttered everywhere, thanks to the Davis Boy Scouts and other volunteers who posted flags on each veteran's grave.

The ceremony was organized by the Davis Cemetery District and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6949 of Davis, and featured several speakers, including UC Davis student Matthew Paraniel, who served in the military before attending UCD. He is a senior studying neurobiology, physiology and behavior. Joining him at the podium by keynote speaker Jim Provenza, a Davis resident and member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

Music was provided by the Davis High School Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Karen Gardias.

