



Celebrate Gold

Taylor Leonard
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Pancake Feed for Veterans

Taylor Leonard has been a girl member for 13 years in Troop 7170 in Service Unit 701. Taylor currently attends the University of North Dakota, where she is majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

As the Group Corps Commander for the Washburn High School JROTC, Taylor felt that veterans were underrecognized in her community. She worked to create an annual event that could create connections between veterans and members of diverse groups in the South Topeka area. To bridge this gap, she organized a Pancake Breakfast at Susanna Wesley Church, where veterans and civilians were recognized and honored.

More than 80 people attended Taylor's breakfast, contributing to donations for the VA Hospital and clothing donations for homeless veterans. The attendees were also able to watch the Washburn Rural JROTC perform a color guard, building stronger relationships with younger members of the community. Thanks to Taylor, Washburn Rural JROTC will continue this community pancake breakfast for many years to come.



“Because of Girl Scouts, I was able to find my true passion for STEM and have long lasting friendships with my troop members. Because of Girl Scouts, I am more confident in myself and what my abilities are.”