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Leaders of local veterans' organizations with the Memorial Wreath. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

Dozens of veterans in attendance that day received recognition during the ceremony, including those from the Union County Nursing Home.

The ceremony was made possible through support from the North Georgia Honor Guard, with representation also from the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, the Union County High School Band, Appalachian St. Andrews Pipes and Drums, Boy Scouts

of America Troop 101, and the various veterans' organizations of Union County.

Bill Honaker delivered both the invocation and the benediction that day, Keith Bragg sang the national anthem and Bob Spaulding helped to organize the event.



Cayce Friedly, left, with her mother Barbara "Bobbie" Davenport. Davenport's late husband, Leon Davenport, received recognition in the Memorial Day Ceremony. Photo/Shawn Jarrard

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Woody Gap Class of 2017. Photo/Todd Forrest

'thank you' does not even begin to cover the kind of recognition that you deserve. Your love and support has pushed us to become the people that we are today and we are forever grateful for that."

Gooch closed her Salutatory address with a quote: "You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes, you can

steer yourself any direction you choose, you're on your own and you know what you know, and you are the one who will decide where to go."

After the presentation of diplomas Martin and Grizzle performed a special song for the Class of 2017 and the lights were dimmed for the senior video and the candlelight

service involving the "passing of the torch" to the rising-seniors of the Class of 2018.

At the conclusion, family and friends made their way onto the gym floor for lots of hugs and pictures before heading over to the cafeteria for a reception, hosted by the faculty in honor of the senior class.