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Friday Night Lights & Honoring Our Community
Chico High to Host Military Veteran and First Responder Appreciation Night

Chico, CA – On Friday, October 10, 2025, the Chico High School football game will be more than a battle for the win; it will be a powerful stage for appreciation. Our student athletes are dedicating the night to celebrating the community heroes who serve and protect during a special recognition, which will be held in conjunction with the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Community Service Week.

Chico High School is proud to announce a special Military Veteran and First Responder Appreciation Night on Friday, October 10, 2025, during the home football game at Panther Stadium.

Originally planned to coincide with Sept. 11, the event was rescheduled to align with the school's football calendar and will now serve as a powerful tribute to the courage, sacrifice and service of our local heroes.

On this evening, more than 200 American flags, generously provided by the Chico Elks Lodge, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), will be displayed throughout the stadium. As part of the pregame ceremony of the Varsity game, every Chico High football player will carry a flag onto the field, creating a moving visual tribute to honor the memory of 9/11 and to celebrate the bravery of military veterans and first responders.

Chico High will also collect donations for the local veteran organization, [Butte County Veterans Stand Down](#), with free admission extended to all current veterans and first responders as a gesture of gratitude.

This event coincides with CIF Community Service Week, giving Chico High students, families and community members a meaningful opportunity to honor and connect with those who serve and protect.

"Chico High is deeply grateful for the sacrifices of our veterans and first responders," said Chico High School Principal Erica Sheridan. "This night is about remembrance, appreciation and bringing our community together in their honor."

We invite the Chico community to celebrate and support our athletes as they honor our local heroes!

Event Details

- **What:** Chico High Military Veteran & First Responder Appreciation Night
- **When:** Friday, October 10, 2025 (Kickoff: JV at 5 p.m.; Varsity at 7 p.m.)
- **Where:** Panther Stadium, Chico High School
- **Tickets:** Tickets can be purchased online at <https://gofan.co/app/school/CA15787>

For more information, please contact Jason Alvistur, Athletic Director, 530-891-3026.

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