

Trumpeters Honored by SAR at Memorial Day Program

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During the annual Memorial Day program held inside Woodlawn Funeral Home due to rain, two local trumpeters were honored.

The Col. Robert Anderson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented the two with the SAR Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate. This is a prestigious award given to those who attained noteworthy achievements in their community and state.

Speaking on behalf of chapter president Victor Compton and the chapter members, master of ceremonies Charles Porter, the past state and chapter SAR president noted that despite a 50-year difference in age between the two recipients, they both have a strong sense of community service.

Pat Throneburg is 78 years old and has been playing the trumpet since he was 9. As a young man he played with many big name bands across the country as well as bands in the Upstate. He is well-known in this area as leader of the swing band, "The Main Street Stompers."

Pat served eight years in the U. S. Air Force and seventeen years in the Army National Guard. He was a charter member of the Veterans Service Corps of South Carolina and played Taps for that group at numerous celebrations, military events and memorial services, including a special event for Korean War Veterans at the Bi-Lo Center along with then Congressman Jim DeMint.

"Over the years, Pat has been called on to play taps at hundreds of funerals and countless patriotic events," said Charles Porter, recalling the times he has seen Pat standing in a cold rain or the summer heat playing Taps to honor a fallen patriot.

"Pat, like his young co-recipient never says no to a request to play his trumpet. Scores of heroes have been carried above on the 24 notes of taps played by Pat Throneburg," Porter concluded.

Twenty year old Jacob Adams, a rising junior at Furman University was the younger recipient. Adams is a Cadet Sergeant in the Army ROTC program at Furman.

Jacob Adams is a graduate of Hampton Park Christian School and was the school's color guard commander, as well as an outstanding student and member of the school band. His natural ability to play the trumpet has caught the notice of the SAR as well as the ROTC unit at Furman University.

"Like Throneburg, Jacob never says no when asked to play Taps at a funeral or patriotic event," said Porter. "Furman usually works with Jacob to allow him time to honor a fallen veteran and to bring comfort to their family. Cadet Adams will make a fine Army officer."

In closing remarks, Porter stated that Throneburg and Adams are both patriots in their own right, a great credit to our community, and patriotic role models for young musicians.

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