## WFEC salutes veterans

U. S. Congressman
Allen Boyd and
Ret. Col. Bill Rimes,
WFEC's Executive Vice
Preisident and CEO,
present flags flown over
the nation's capital
in the World War II
veterans' honor.



uring a patriotic-themed annual meeting Nov. 13, West Florida Electric Cooperative recognized area veterans and held a ceremony especially honoring those who served in World War II. Throughout the morning, active and former military personnel among WFEC's members registered at a designated tent on the Graceville Civic Center lawn. In the auditorium, U. S. Congressman Allen Boyd and Retired Air Force Colonel Bill Rimes, WFEC's Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, paid tribute to the World War II veterans.

The Vernon High School Junior ROTC led the procession of honorees to reserved front-row seats, then presented the colors. In his salute to the World War II servicemen, Rimes said, "As I read Tom Brokaw's recent bestseller, *The Greatest Generation*, I began to fully understand and appreciate what this generation has meant to us, and I agreed with him. It truly is the greatest generation any society has ever produced . . . . They won the war in 1945, came home the heroes they were, began the task of rebuilding their lives, went to school on the G. I. Bill, married in great numbers, produced the baby-boomers of today and gave the world new science, new industry and economic strength unparalleled in the history of mankind."

As their names were called, the veterans came forward to receive certificates and flags flown in their honor over the U. S. Capitol. At the ceremony's close, gospel singer Sabrina Reynolds' rendition of *God Bless the U. S. A.* brought the crowd to their feet.

The following are the veterans WFEC recognized at the annual meeting:

J. D. Allen Albert Andrews Henry Arnold December 1999 *CLF* 



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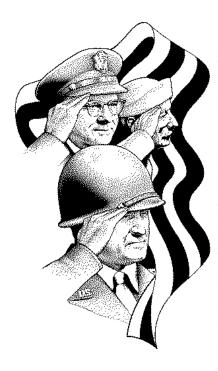
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