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JISD A PURPLE HEART SCHOOL

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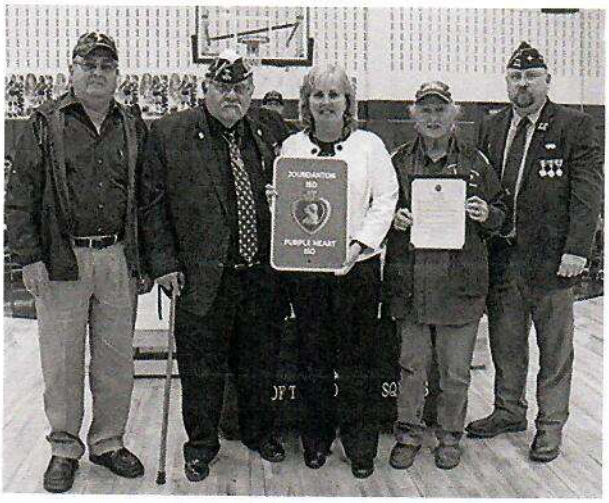

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Jourdanton ISD was named a Purple Heart District on Friday, Nov. 9 by the Pleasanton VFW Post 12162. Pictured left to right are Baldemar Treviño, VFW Post 4853; Lazaro Camarillo, Department of Texas MOPH Chief of Staff, Crossroads Chapter 3077 and VFW Post 2397 Commander; Jourdanton ISD Superintendent Theresa McAllister; Barbara Bowen Peeler JISD School Board President and Post 12162 Senior Commander Steve Mueller. For story see page 3A.

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On Friday, Nov. 9, Jourdanton ISD was recognized as a Purple Heart District through VFW Post 12162 in Pleasanton.

A Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremony was held to honor and remember those who have served in the armed forces and to award the school a Purple Heart plaque and flag. The event was held in the high school gym at 1 p.m. and both the junior high and high school campuses were in attendance.

The ceremony began with JISD Superintendent, Theresa McAllister welcoming everyone. The Jourdanton JROCT Colorguard then presented the flags and the Mighty Indian Band played the Star Spangled Banner. Steve Mueller, Senior Commander of Post of 12162, introduced the Texas State Deputy Chief of State, Lazaro Camarillo.

Mr. Camarillo described his experiences from the Vietnam War and how it affected his life. He then read the Jourdanton ISD Proclamation, describing what it means to be a Purple Heart ISD, stating:

"Jourdanton ISD Board of Trustees hereby proclaims Jourdanton ISD as a Purple Heart Independent School District, for honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans."

After his speech, Mr. Camarillo presented the school board a plaque and opened a flag held by JROTC member, Garett McDonald. The flag consisted of the Purple Heart symbol in the center and the words "Honoring America's Combat Wounded Veterans".

To bring the ceremony to an end, local veterans were invited to come to the floor to take pictures and talk with students about their experiences. Jourdanton ISD was

honored and recognized in their hope to honor those who have served in the past, present and future.

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