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- Daily Herald - Humanity, perseverance, selflessness: Suburban ceremonies honor Sept. 11 victims and heroes

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Retired Palatine firefighter/paramedic Mark Hallett gets emotional during the lowering of the American flag to half-staff during Monday's Patriot Day remembrance ceremony Monday at the Palatine Firefighters Memorial. Hallett served from 1981-2011 and was the main speaker at the ceremony. (Paul Valade | Staff Photographer)

Suburban residents came together Monday to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In Palatine, about 100 police officers, firefighters, public officials and residents gathered at the Palatine Firefighters Memorial downtown. Current and retired members of the Palatine Fire Department marched to the memorial from Fire Station 85, accompanied by the department's Honor Guard.

"Today, we salute all the brave souls who selflessly gave their lives to save others," Matt Hallett, a retired Palatine firefighter/paramedic, said during the ceremony. "We continue to mourn the people who were taken too soon from their husbands, their wives, their children and their friends. This day should always remind us that our lives are way too short and, unfortunately, can be taken away without any notice."

Elgin held its annual Patriot Day remembrance ceremony at the Hemmens Cultural Center.

The event featured a combined police and fire department honor guard to post the colors, prayers by chaplains from both departments, a performance of the national anthem by **Larkin High School** students at a rendition of "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes by Elgin police Sgt. Jim Lalley.

Mayor David Kaptain said that while the day honors those lost in the attacks, more people died in the aftermath. He added that many continue to suffer from health issues caused by the toxic, contaminated air following the twin towers' collapse.

"We as a society have an obligation to those people to make sure they can live as full a life as they can and get the treatment that they need," he said.

Fire Chief Robb Cagann said that while many horrific images will be forever ingrained in minds, other memories of the day are inevitably fading with each passing year.

"These ceremonies are truly more than remembering the past and the tragedy of that day," he said. "They are to remember what the day has come to stand for -- the humanity, the perseverance, the selflessness, the love, the dedication and the honor of the United States of America."

At both events, Palatine and Elgin firefighters rang a ceremonial bell to memorialize those lost in the attacks and their aftermath.

Ceremonies scheduled across the suburbs throughout the day included events in Aurora, Bartlett, Elmhurst, Gilberts, Glendale Heights, Hoffman Estates, Libertyville, Lombard, Naperville, St. Charles and Schaumburg.

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Boys soccer / Top 20

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Team Comment

Records through Sunday, Sept. 10

1. Naperville North (7-1-0) Noah Radeke with 12 goals
2. Stevenson (8-0-0) Patriots very stingy along the back
3. York (5-1-0) Jason Waski dangerous up top
4. St. Charles East (6-2-0) Maloney-Ontiveros quality duo
5. Palatine (7-0-2) Only unbeaten team in MSL
6. **Elgin** (5-2-0) Tough week for Maroons
7. **Streamwood** (7-2-0) Bat state runner-up Romeoville
8. West Aurora (9-0-0) Blackhawks win Morton Invite title

9. St. Charles North (6-2-0) DeLaPaz MVP at St. Charles Invite
10. Leyden (5-2-0) Eagles have deep, talented roster
11. Addison Trail (5-2-0) Defenders Delgado, Molina first rate
12. Hinsdale Central (4-2-1) Red Devils draw a state power New Trier
13. Lake Zurich (5-3-0) Drozdynski, Goldberg, Smith
14. Round Lake (5-2-0) NLCC opener at Wauconda on Thursday
15. Marmion Academy (4-1-2) Alvaro Alanis one to watch
16. Wauconda (4-1-0) Bulldogs playing 3A teams tough
17. Dundee-Crown (7-2-0) One of FVC favorites this season
18. Schaumburg (5-2-0) Saxons early season surprise in the MSL
19. Grayslake Central (5-2-0) MF Mitchell Fein looking good
20. Crystal Lake South (4-3-1) Ahmed plus Getzinger dangerous duo

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Rick Armstrong's Aurora-Elgin area football rankings and players of the week

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West Aurora's Jaden Edwards (9) races for a touchdown on a return of a blocked field-goal attempt against Romeoville during a game in Aurora on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023. (Jon Cunningham/The Beacon-News)

West Aurora and Sandwich enter rankings topped by Batavia, while East Aurora's Kenneth Cooley and West Aurora's Jaden Edwards are players of the week.

Top 10

With records through Sunday and previous rankings in parentheses.

1. Batavia 2-1 (1)

Jake Feller delivers with six tackles, two passes deflected, two hurries, fumble recovery.

2. Geneva 3-0 (3)

Nate Stempowski totals 225 yards, three TDs in 28-6 win over Wheaton Warrenville South.

3. Oswego 3-0 (4)

Dylan King runs for two TDs as Panthers match last year's win total in 48-3 victory.

4. **South Elgin** 3-0 (5)

Bode Schneider, Stewart Williams, Kevon Brooks all get interceptions in rout of Fenton.

5. St. Charles North 2-1 (2)

Following 35-23 loss to Wheaton North, showdown looms for North Stars vs. Batavia.

6. Waubonsie Valley 2-1 (8)

Trent Selby catches two TD passes from Luke Elsea but Warriors' upset bid comes up short.

7. Jacobs 1-2 (6)

Golden Eagles get going with TD pass from Daniel Curran to Caden DuMelle in Huntley loss.

8. Kaneland 1-2 (9)

Tough early schedule but Knights keep it close again in 43-33 loss to Morris.

9. West Aurora 3-0 (NR)

Azuriah Sylvester runs for 96 yards, TD and returns interception for another in 56-14 rout.

10. Sandwich 3-0 (NR)

Simeion Harris runs 14 times for 157 yards, one TD in 27-7 rivalry win over Plano.

Offensive Player of the Week

On his first four touches, Kenneth Cooley catches TD passes of 59 and 80 yards from Amado Martinez, runs 30 yards for a TD and returns kickoff 79 yards for a TD as East Aurora tops Bartlett 42-36 win. That gives Cooley 10 touchdowns for the season.

Defensive Player of the Week

Jaden Edwards intercepts a pass for a third straight game, tallies four tackles and returns blocked field goal 60 yards for a touchdown as West Aurora rolls past Romeoville.