

Hundreds turn out in Hermiston for annual Veterans Day breakfast

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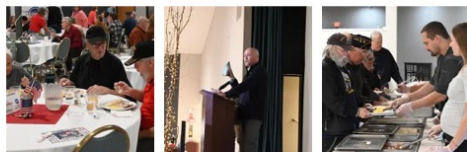
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State Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner, speaks Nov. 11, 2025, during the Veterans Day Breakfast at the Hermiston Community Center. Smith holds up a canteen his great-great-uncle Thomas Gillian used during his service in World War II. (Michael Kane/Hermiston Herald)



HERMISTON — A couple of hundred people turned up Tuesday, Nov. 11, for the annual Veterans Day breakfast at the Hermiston Community Center.

Oregon state Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner, kicked things off with a brief history of World War II and showed the crowd a canteen his great-great-uncle Thomas Gillian used during the war.

Sherwin Williams, PGA and Rogers Toyota of Hermiston sponsored the event, and