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service projects.

"It's for them to think about ways they can serve in their own community," Barshefsky said, "whether it's inside the walls of our school or the community abroad."

Hale-Clapp VFW Post Commander Rachael Otto said the ceremony is important for students because it highlights "how many veterans they have in the community."

Gagarin said after the ceremony he hoped he could convey the satisfaction of helping others to the children.

"Everybody should be thinking about what they can do for others," Gagarin said. "There's such a pleasure in doing something for everybody else."

He said he felt the call to serve in the Army when he graduated from college and said he hopes everybody heeds that call, "even if it's not for the armed forces."

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Sunderland Elementary School students gather at the town's veterans memorial on Wednesday morning to observe the holiday and learn about how they can serve their community.

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ARMY 1ST LT. PETER GAGARIN

Sunderland School Committee member

privilege to live here," Gagarin said. "And doing it in your town is way better because it's all right here."

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