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Schools hosting Veterans Day programs to be recognized by Sec. Gale

LINCOLN – Veterans Day is a very meaningful event for our citizens, and especially for our veterans. To help recognize this special day and who it represents, Secretary of State John Gale is once again honoring schools across Nebraska that host programs that honor local veterans.

Schools that host a program for Veterans Day will be acknowledged with a certificate of appreciation from Secretary Gale.

"I often hear from veterans about their experiences in the schools. They're honored to take part in those activities and it's a great way for students to hear first-hand about their experiences as well. For a number of veterans, it's the first public recognition of their service, so it is very appreciated."

This will be the tenth year that Secretary Gale's office has promoted the Honor a Veteran program. Initially, the program was utilized in middle schools across the state. It now includes elementary and high schools.

To help schools get their own programs started, the Secretary of State has provided detailed information on his website including samples of programs, a script that schools can follow and a resource guide for finding a speaker.

"This program is one of several I've launched through the years to help foster patriotism, civic involvement and community pride within our school systems," Gale remarked. "It's been a very popular program and one that has continued to grow."

Gale said programs often include musical performances, flag presentations by JROTC units, video presentations and more. Some schools also host a breakfast or lunch for guests.

Public and nonpublic schools that host the Honor a Veteran program should call the Secretary of State's office at 402-471-1572 or send an email to heather.doxon@nebraska.gov.

"We would like to hear from schools that do host a program this month so we can acknowledge their efforts directly with an appropriate certificate," said Gale. "To do that they can simply send an email to the email address we have provided."

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