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*This release includes a list of schools that held various Veterans Day events by county. Please note the names of schools in your coverage area.*

**Nearly 200 Nebraska schools honored local veterans**

LINCOLN – Nearly 200 Nebraska schools are being recognized by Secretary of State John Gale for hosting Veterans Day events this year.

“We want young people to be civic-minded and actively engaged in their communities,” said Gale. “This is one way in which they can do that.”

The Honor a Veteran program has been promoted by Gale since 2008. It’s designed to enhance civics education and recognize the contributions and sacrifices of Nebraska veterans.

“It’s important to say ‘thank you’ every chance we get to our veterans and those military men and women who remain in active service,” Gale said.

The Secretary of State’s office offers a template on its website for hosting an Honor a Veteran program. Gale said the template is a basic program to help schools get started, but most schools evolve from there into uniquely local programs that combine students with veterans and with their school bands and choirs. “The programs are all heartfelt tributes to our veterans.”

“I think it’s great that the students put so much effort into making this day a significant one, especially when they get their local VFW and auxiliary groups involved,” observed Gale.

In connection with their program this year titled, "A Time to Remember", students at Goose Creek School in Valentine created a display to symbolize the absence of military MIAs and POWs. Senator Dave Bloomfield of District 17 was the featured speaker at the Veterans Day program at Wayne Community Schools. At Maywood Public School, students heard from two Vietnam veterans and from Miss Nebraska JaCee Pilkington whose platform has involved raising awareness for veterans and showing appreciation for members of the military.

Gale will send certificates of appreciation to each school and classroom that notified his office that it held a 2013 Veterans Day event.

### **Schools Holding Events**

**Adams:** Hastings Middle School, Alcott Elementary, Longfellow Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Hawthorne Elementary, Hastings High School, Silver Lake Public School

**Antelope:** Neligh-Oakdale Public Schools, Clearwater-Orchard Schools

**Arthur:** Arthur County Schools

**Banner:** Axtell Community School

**Boone:** Boone Central Schools

**Boyd:** Lynch Public School

**Box Butte:** Alliance Public Schools

**Brown:** Ainsworth Community Schools

**Buffalo:** Elm Creek Public Schools, Shelton Public School, Gibbon High School, Horizon Middle School

**Burt:** Lyons-Decatur Northeast, Tekamah-Herman Schools, Oakland-Craig Public Schools

**Butler:** East Butler Public School

**Cass:** Plattsmouth High School, Elmwood-Murdock Elementary, Coleridge Community School

**Cherry:** Valentine Community Schools, Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools, Goose Creek School

**Clay:** Harvard Public School

**Colfax:** Schuyler Middle School, Leigh Community School

**Cuming:** West Point-Beemer Public School, Bancroft-Rosalie Public School

**Custer:** Anselmo-Merna Public School, Arnold Public School, Callaway Public Schools

**Dakota:** Covington Elementary, Homer Community Schools

**Dawes:** Crawford Public School, Chadron Public Schools

**Dawson:** Gothenburg Public Schools

**Deuel:** Creek Valley Public School

**Dixon:** Wakefield Community Schools

**Dodge:** Scribner-Snyder Community Schools

**Douglas:** Mary Our Queen School, Fire Ridge Elementary School, DC West Community School, Holling Heights Elementary, West Dodge Station, Ralston Public School, Elkhorn High School, Hillrise Elementary, Heritage Elementary, Abbott Elementary, Ackerman Elementary, Aldrich Elementary, Andersen Middle School, Beadle Middle School, Black Elk Elementary, Bryan Elementary, Cather Elementary, Central Middle School, Cody Elementary, Cottonwood Elementary, Disney Elementary, Ezra Millard Elementary, Harvey Oaks Elementary, Hitchcock Elementary, Horizon High School, Kiewit Middle School, Millard North High School, Millard South High School, Millard West High School, Montclair Elementary, Morton Elementary, Neihardt Elementary, Norris Elementary, Millard North Middle School, Reagan Elementary, Rockwell Elementary, Rohwer Elementary, Russell Middle School, Sandoz Elementary, Wheeler Elementary, Willowdale Elementary

**Dundy:** Dundy County Stratton Schools

**Fillmore:** Fillmore Central High School, Exeter-Milligan Public Schools

**Franklin:** Franklin High School

**Frontier:** Medicine Valley Elementary, Eustis-Farnam Public School, Maywood Public School

**Furnas:** Southern Valley Elementary, Cambridge Public School

**Gage:** Beatrice High School, Freeman Public Schools, Beatrice Middle School

**Garden:** Garden County Schools

**Greeley:** Greeley-Wolbach Public Schools

**Hall:** Howard Elementary, Walnut Middle School, Doniphan-Trumbull Public Schools

**Hamilton:** Aurora High School, Hampton Public School

**Harlan:** Alma Public School

**Hitchcock:** Hitchcock County High School, Hitchcock County Elementary

**Holt:** Ewing Public Schools, Stuart Public School

**Howard:** Centura Public Schools, St. Paul Public Schools

**Jefferson:** Tri County Public Schools

**Johnson:** Sterling Public Schools, Johnson County Central Public Schools

**Kearney:** Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

**Keith:** Prairie View Elementary, Ogallala Public Schools

**Knox:** Niobrara Public School, Verdigre Public School, Creighton Community Public School

**Lancaster:** Lux Middle School, Raymond Central, Lincoln Christian School, Lincoln Air Force Junior ROTC, Waverly Intermediate School, Eagle Elementary, Waverly Middle School

**Lincoln:** Hershey Public Schools, Sutherland Public School, Wallace School District 65R

**Logan:** Stapleton Public Schools

**Madison:** Grant Elementary, Battle Creek Public School, Bel Air Elementary, Norfolk Middle School, Jefferson Elementary, Elkhorn Valley Schools

**Merrick:** Palmer Public Schools

**Nemaha:** Johnson-Brock Public School

**Nuckolls:** Superior Junior Senior High School

**Otoe:** Nebraska City Public Schools

**Pawnee:** Pawnee City Public School, Lewiston Consolidated Schools

**Phelps:** Holdrege Public Schools

**Pierce:** Plainview Public School, Pierce Public Schools

**Platte:** Humphrey Public School

**Polk:** Cross County Community School, Osceola Public Schools

**Richardson:** Falls City High School

**Rock:** Rock County Public Schools

**Saline:** Crete Middle School, Wilber-Clatonia Public School, Friend Public Schools, Dorchester Public School

**Sarpy:** Papillion LaVista High School, Papillion Junior High, Papillion LaVista South, Walnut Creek Elementary, Platteview High School, Reeder Elementary, Upchurch Elementary

**Saunders:** Ashland-Greenwood Middle School, Ashland-Greenwood Elementary

**Scotts Bluff:** Gering Public Schools, Mitchell Public Schools, Morrill Public Schools

**Seward:** Milford Public Schools, Seward Public Schools

**Sheridan:** Hay Springs Public Schools, Gordon-Rushville High School

**Sherman:** Loup City Public Schools

**Stanton:** Stanton Community Schools

**Thayer:** Thayer Central Community Schools, Deshler Public Schools, Bruning-Davenport USD

**Thurston:** Walthill Public School, Winnebago Public School

**Washington:** Fort Calhoun Community Schools, Arlington Public Schools

**Wayne:** Wayne Community Schools

**Webster:** Red Cloud Community School, Blue Hill Community School

**York:** York Middle School, Heartland Community Schools

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