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Sec. Gale wants to hear from schools hosting Veterans Day events

LINCOLN – Secretary of State John Gale is commending those schools in Nebraska who will be hosting programs in honor of their local veterans around Veterans Day.

“Last year we recognized more than 200 schools with Certificates of Appreciation. We’ve heard from nearly three dozen schools who have told us that they plan to host a program again this year, or they’ve asked for assistance in planning one,” said Gale.

The Secretary of State has promoted the Honor a Veteran program since 2008. Initially, the program was promoted to middle schools across the state. It has since branched out to include elementary and high schools.

“I’ve attended several of these programs over the years and I realized how meaningful they are not only for students, but especially the local veterans they honor,” explained Gale. “They are wonderful patriotic events.”

To help schools get their own programs started, the Secretary of State’s office provides detailed information on its website including samples of programs, a script that schools can follow and a resource guide for finding a speaker.

“This is an important aspect of civic education,” said Gale. “It’s as important as encouraging students to vote and become active and responsible members of their communities. They learn first-hand from those who have served our country what it truly means to be a ‘land of the free.’”

Public and nonpublic schools who wish to learn more about the Honor a Veteran program can call the Secretary of State's office at 402-471-8408 or send an email to sos.events@nebraska.gov.

"We also want to hear from schools that do host a program this month so we can acknowledge their efforts directly," said Gale. "To do that they can simply send an email to the same address."

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