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

LINCOLN – An annual event promoted by Secretary of State John Gale serves to honor Nebraska veterans. He’s requesting that schools notify him if they take part in Honor A Veteran on or around Veterans Day.

The program, in its seventh year, recognizes schools with a certificate for hosting programs and events that pay tribute to local veterans.

“Veterans have indicated over the years how appreciative they are that the schools invite them. It’s an opportunity to share their experiences with younger generations,” observed Gale.

Gale also said it gives students insight into what it means to be proud, productive, and patriotic citizens.

“Obviously, these military men and women made a choice to serve their communities and the nation in the highest way possible. Hopefully, students are inspired by that tradition.”

Gale has promoted the Honor a Veteran program since 2008. Initially, the program was utilized in middle schools across the state. Since then, elementary and high schools have been included.

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

“Programs can include musical performances, flag presentations by JROTC units, video presentations and more,” explained Gale. “Some schools also host a breakfast or lunch for guests.”

Gale will speak to students at Louisville High School and Mary Our Queen Catholic School in Omaha on Veterans Day.

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 would like to hear from schools that host a program so that 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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