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Gale urges middle schools to honor veterans

LINCOLN – Secretary of State John Gale is encouraging Nebraska middle schools to honor veterans for their exceptional service to the nation by holding events in connection with Veterans Day.

Gale started the Honor a Veteran program in 2008 to enhance civics education and recognize the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

Gale's office developed a template for schools to use to develop their own Veterans Day events, which includes ideas, guidelines, a list of speakers and sample programs. The information can be found under Youth Services at www.sos.ne.gov.

As part of the program, students are asked to provide the names of relatives or friends who have served in the military. Those nominated are honored at the school events.

The statewide program is modeled after a successful annual event at Grand Island's Barr Middle School to commemorate Veterans Day.

"The school events are a great way to demonstrate our appreciation for our veterans," Gale said. "The extraordinary contributions and sacrifices of our veterans have significantly advanced the causes of peace and freedom in the world."

For further information about the program, contact Sharon Hambek at (402) 471-6044 or sos.events@nebraska.gov.

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