

**VETERANS DAY, 2009**  
**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**A PROCLAMATION**

We have a sacred trust with those who wear the uniform of the United States of America. From the Minutemen who stood watch over Lexington and Concord to the service members who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, American veterans deserve our deepest appreciation and respect. Our Nation's servicemen and women are our best and brightest, enlisting in times of peace and war, serving with honor under the most difficult circumstances, and making sacrifices that many of us cannot begin to imagine. Today, we reflect upon the invaluable contributions of our country's veterans and reaffirm our commitment to provide them and their families with the essential support they were promised and have earned.

Caring for our veterans is more than a way of thanking them for their service. It is an obligation to our fellow citizens who have risked their lives to defend our freedom. This selflessness binds our fates with theirs, and recognizing those who were willing to give their last full measure of devotion for us is a debt of honor for every American.

We also pay tribute to all who have worn the uniform and continue to serve their country as civilians. Many veterans act as coaches, teachers, and mentors in their communities, selflessly volunteering their time and expertise. They visit schools to tell our Nation's students of their experiences and help counsel our troops returning from the theater of war. These men and women possess an unwavering belief in the idea of America: no matter where you come from, what you look like, or who your parents are, this is a place where anything is possible. Our veterans continue to stand up for those timeless American ideals of liberty, self-determination, and equal opportunity.

On Veterans Day, we honor the heroes we have lost, and we rededicate ourselves to the next generation of veterans by supporting our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen as they return home from duty. Our grateful Nation must keep our solemn promises to these brave men and women and their families. They have given their unwavering devotion to the American people, and we must keep our covenant with them.

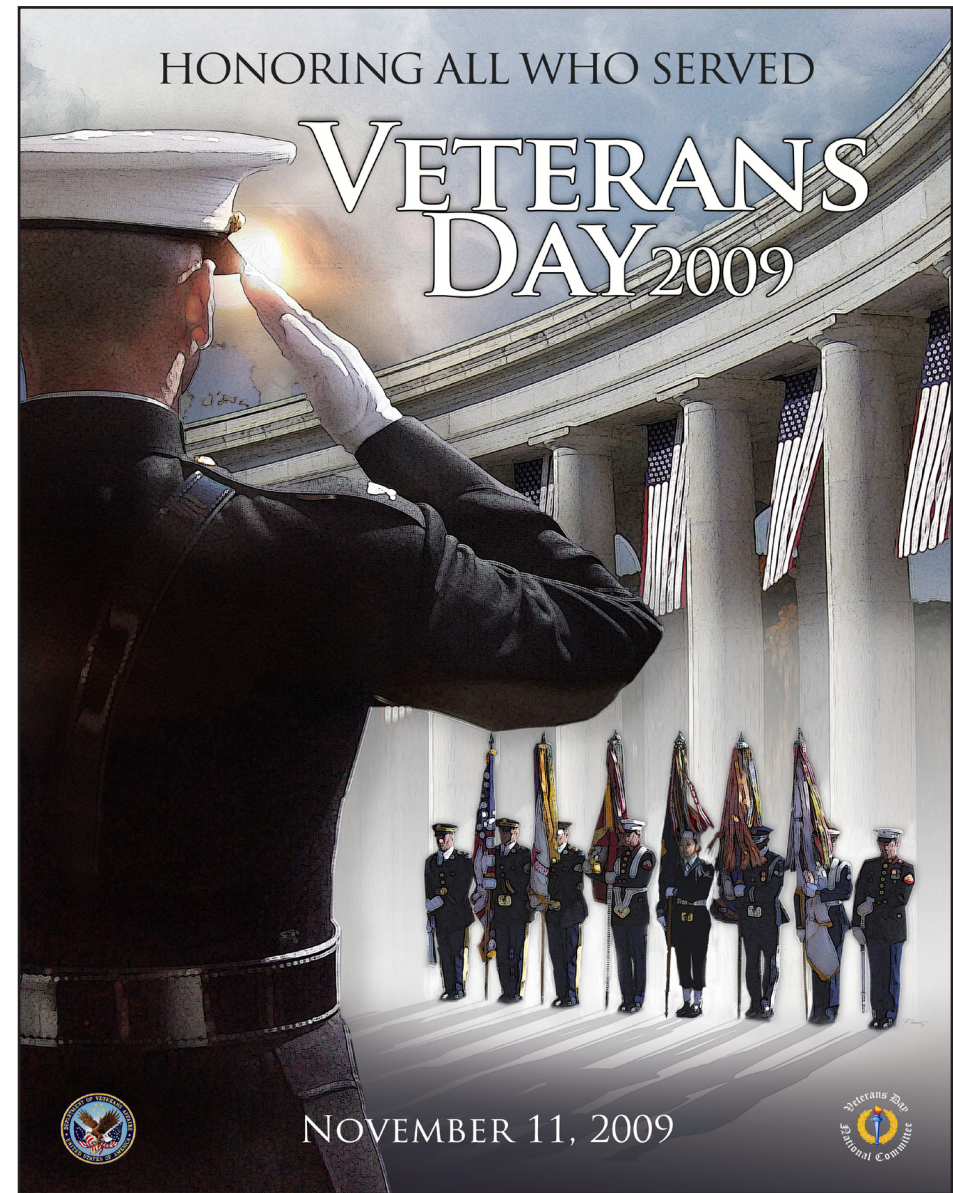
With respect for and in recognition of the contributions our servicemen and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor our Nation's veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2009, as Veterans Day. I encourage all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to display the flag of the United States and to participate in patriotic activities in their communities. I call on all Americans, including civic and fraternal organizations, places of worship, schools, and communities to support this day with commemorative expressions and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA

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**Veterans Day Assembly**  
**Wahoo Public & Bishop Neumann**  
**High Schools**  
**Wahoo, Nebraska**  
**November 10, 2009 9:00 a.m.**

# Veterans Day Assembly

November 10, 2009

Wahoo High School/Bishop Neumann High School  
WHS Gymnasium - 9:00 a.m.

*Ceremony sponsored by the 2009-2010 WHS Student Council  
Student Council Sponsor - Ryan Mueller*

## Audience Stands

- I. Posting of the Colors . . . . . Wahoo VFW Beaver-Bartek 4502 and American Legion Post 82
- II. Pledge of Allegiance . . . . . Andrew Smith  
Zendy Sotelo  
Andrew Vech
- III. *The Star-Spangled Banner* . . . . . WHS Concert Band  
(Mr. Tim Rischling)  
Neumann HS Concert Band  
(Mrs. Joann Couton)
- Audience May Be Seated**
- IV. Introductory Remarks . . . . . Jacob Barry
- V. Student Reading . . . . . Joe Nabity
- VI. Musical Selections  
\**Salute to America's Finest* . . . . . WHS/Neumann Concert Bands  
(Mr. Tim Rischling & Mrs. Joann Couton)  
\**His Truth is Marching On* . . . . . WHS Blue & Gold Choir  
(Mrs. Julie Baker-Anderson)  
Bishop Neumann HS Choir  
(Mr. Brian Botsford)
- VII. Introduction of Veterans Day Speaker . . . . . Skye Sabatka

- VIII. Veterans Day Message . . . . . Dave Heineman  
Governor of Nebraska
- IX. Closing Quotation . . . . . Ali Anderson

## Audience Stands

- X. Moment of Silence . . . . . Taps
- XI. Assembled Colors Retired
- XII. Postlude (*America*) . . . . . WHS/Neumann Concert Bands  
(Mr. Tim Rischling & Mrs. Joann Couton)

## Student Body Dismissed

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## Dave Heineman

### *Governor of Nebraska*

Governor Dave Heineman was sworn-in as Nebraska's 39th Governor on Friday, January 21, 2005, when Governor Mike Johanns became the Secretary of Agriculture. Governor Heineman was elected to his first full term on November 7, 2006 by the largest margin in recent history. In May of 2006, he overcame a forty point deficit to win an historic primary. Prior to becoming Governor, he served more than three years as Lieutenant Governor and nearly seven years as State Treasurer.

Governor Heineman's vision for Nebraska is based on four priorities: education, economic vitality, efficiency in government, and protecting families.

Since becoming Governor, he has worked with the Nebraska Legislature to pass the largest tax relief package in the history of the state and the most comprehensive jobs creation, economic incentive legislation since the 1980s. Governor Heineman has also signed into law a bill making the Department of Health and Human Services more efficient, more effective and more accountable.

Governor Heineman is a strong proponent of local control of schools and a quality education for all children. He supports high academic standards and increased parental involvement in education.

A leader for Nebraska's agricultural industry, Governor Heineman has secured a \$400 million trade agreement with Taiwan for Nebraska wheat, soybeans and corn. He also signed two \$30 million trade agreements with Cuba for Nebraska wheat, soybeans, dry beans, pork and beef. Additionally, under his watch, Nebraska has also opened its first-ever international trade office abroad, The Nebraska Center in Tokyo, Japan. Governor Heineman also served as Chairman of the Governors' Ethanol Coalition in 2007.

The Governor is a native Nebraskan. He was born in Falls City and grew up in Fairbury, McCook, Benkelman and Wahoo, where he graduated from high school. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1970 and served five years in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of captain. He is also a graduate of the Army's Airborne and Ranger Schools.

