## **VETERANS DAY, 2016**

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## A PROCLAMATION

America has long stood as a beacon of hope and opportunity, and few embody that spirit here at home and beyond our borders more than the members of our Armed Forces. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen are part of an unbroken chain of brave patriots who have served our country with honor and made tremendous sacrifices so that we may live free. On Veterans Day, we salute the women and men who have proudly worn the uniform of the United States of America and the families who have served alongside them, and we affirm our sacred duty as citizens to express our enduring gratitude, both in words and in actions, for their service.

Our country has the best-trained and best-equipped military force in the world, and we need to make sure we have the most supported and respected veterans in the world. We are a Nation that leaves no one behind, and my Administration has made historic investments to provide veterans access to the resources and education they need to share in our Nation's promise when they return home. Partnering with community leaders across America, First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden's Joining Forces initiative works to ensure our country's heroes can thrive by combatting veteran homelessness, promoting their emotional well-being, and advancing employment training and placement -- and we have made great progress. Today, the unemployment rate for veterans is lower than the national average, and veteran homelessness has been nearly cut in half since 2010. We also recognize that some of these courageous men and women have faced and overcome profound challenges, both physically and emotionally, in defense of our freedom. We must continue to provide high quality health care to our veterans and make sure they have the support they have earned and deserve.

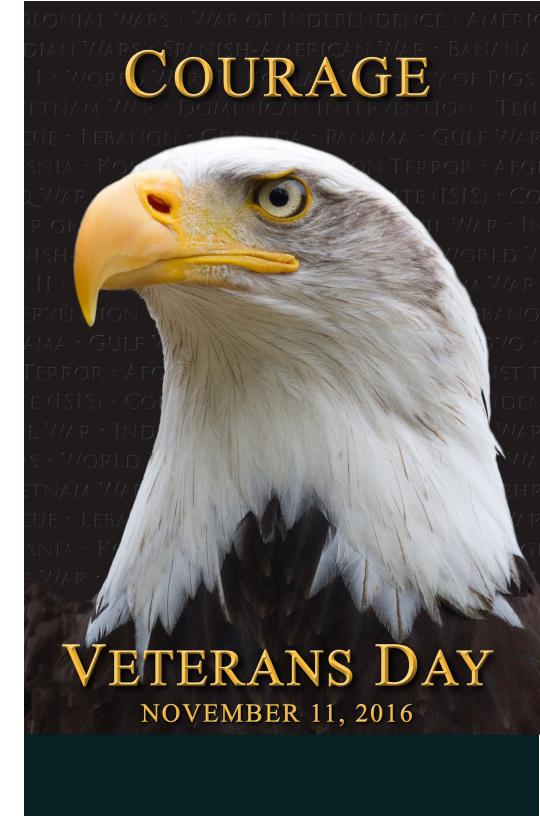
The example our Nation's veterans set throughout their lives is a testament to the drive and perseverance that define the American character. Let us uphold our obligations to these heroic individuals and never forget those who paid the ultimate price for our liberty. On this day and throughout the year, may we sustain their lasting contributions to our Nation's progress and carry forward their legacy by building a future that is stronger, safer, and freer for all.

With respect for, and in recognition of, the contributions our service members 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, 2016, as Veterans Day. I encourage all Americans to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers, and by observing 2 minutes of silence for our Nation's veterans. 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 eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.

BARACK OBAMA



## **Veterans Day Assembly**

November 14, 2016 Wahoo High School/Bishop Neumann High School Wahoo, Nebraska

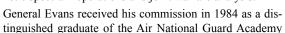
Ceremony sponsored by the 2016-2017 WHS Student Council

I.	Welcome	Mr. Brandon Lavaley WPS Superintendent
Audience Stands		
II.	Posting of the Colors	Wahoo VFW Beaver- American Legion Post 82
III.	Pledge of Allegiance	Payton Ricks, l, Avery Spicka, Gage Sherman
IV.	The Star-Spangled Banner	WHS Concert Band (Mr. Jason Smith) BNHS Concert Band (Mrs. Joann Couton)
Audience May Be Seated		
V.	Introductory Remarks	Josie Schnakenberg, Claire Johnston
VI.	Student Essay Readings	Sam Brabec, Madison Talbert
VII.	Musical Selections *Salute to America's Finest	WHS/BNHS Concert Bands Smith & Mrs. Joann Couton)
	*God Bless America	WHS Concert Choir (Mr. Hunter Boe) Bishop Neumann HS Choir (Ms. Samantha Matulka)
VIII.	Introduction of Veterans Day Speaker	Ryan Volin
IX.	Veterans Day Message	Maj. Gen. Richard J. Evans III $U.S. Air Force$
Х.	Closing Quotation	Corby Brigham
XI.	Moment of Silence	Taps
XII.	Assembled Colors Retired	
XIII.	Postlude (God Bless the U.S.A.) (Mr. Jason	WHS/BNHS Concert Bands Smith & Mrs. Joann Couton)

## Maj. Gen. Richard J. Evans III

U.S. Strategic Command

Major General Richard J. Evans III is the Director of Reserve Forces and Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He serves as the principal advisor to the Commander on reserve component matters related to the command's diverse missions, including strategic deterrence and assurance, space and cyberspace operations, full-spectrum global strike, integrated missile defense, joint electromagnetic spectrum operations and joint warfare analysis.





of Military Science. He has commanded at the detachment, squadron, group and wing levels. His operational flying assignments include instructor and functional check flight Weapon Systems Officer in the RF-4; and instructor and evaluator Navigator in the KC-135. His staff assignments include wing-level operations, plans, tactics and personnel assignments; Special Assistant to the Director, Air National Guard for the Quadrennial Defense Review 2010; Acting Director for Space and Information Superiority at the National Guard Bureau; and National Reconnaissance Office Liaison Officer to U.S. Strategic Command. He also served as Chair of the Air National Guard's KC-135 and Space, ISR and Cyber Weapon System Councils and was member of the Air Directorate Field Advisory Council from 2004-2012.

General Evans has commanded expeditionary forces and flown combat missions in the KC-135 supporting Operations Uphold Democracy, Decisive Endeavor, Deliberate Guard, Deliberate Forge, Allied Force, Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He also served as Director of Mobility Forces for NATO Operation Unified Protector. He is a graduate of the USAF Fighter Weapons School and master navigator with over 3,700 flying hours, including 153 combat/combat support hours.

"AS WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE,
WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE
HIGHEST APPRECIATION IS NOT
TO UTTER WORDS, BUT TO LIVE BY
THEM."

--JOHN F. KENNEDY

**Student Body Dismissed**