

**VETERANS DAY, 2011
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION**

On Veterans Day, we come together to pay tribute to the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. Americans across this land commemorate the patriots who have risked their lives to preserve the liberty of our Nation, the families who support them, and the heroes no longer with us. It is not our weapons or our technology that make us the most advanced military in the world; it is the unparalleled spirit, skill, and devotion of our troops. As we honor our veterans with ceremonies on this day, let our actions strengthen the bond between a Nation and her warriors.

In an unbroken line of valor stretching across more than two centuries, our veterans have charged into harm's way, sometimes making the ultimate sacrifice, to protect the freedoms that have blessed America. Whether Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard, they are our Nation's finest citizens, and they have shown the heights to which Americans can rise when asked and inspired to do so. Our courageous troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the globe have earned their place alongside previous generations of great Americans, serving selflessly, tour after tour, in conflicts spanning nearly a decade.

Long after leaving the uniform behind, many veterans continue to serve our country as public servants and mentors, parents and community leaders. They have added proud chapters to the story of America, not only on the battlefield, but also in communities from coast to coast. They have built and shaped our Nation, and it is our solemn promise to support our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen as they return to their homes and families.

America's sons and daughters have not watched over her shores or her citizens for public recognition, fanfare, or parades. They have preserved our way of life with unwavering patriotism and quiet courage, and ours is a debt of honor to care for them and their families. These obligations do not end after their time of service, and we must fulfill our sacred trust to care for our veterans after they retire their uniforms.

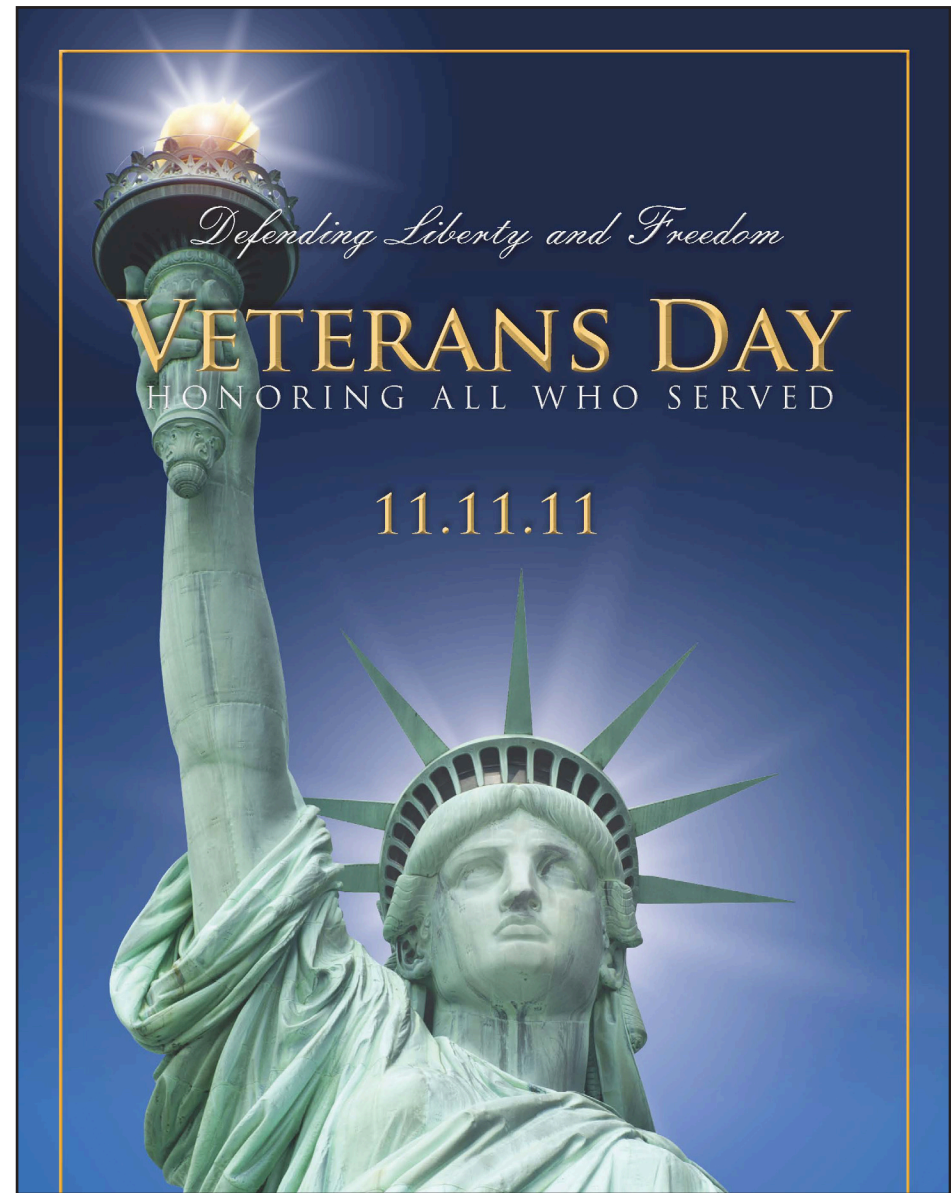
As a grateful Nation, we are humbled by the sacrifices rendered by our service members and their families out of the deepest sense of service and love of country. On Veterans Day, let us remember our solemn obligations to our veterans, and recommit to upholding the enduring principles that our country lives for, and that our fellow citizens have fought and died for.

With respect for and in recognition of the contributions our service men 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, 2011, 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 fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA



**Veterans Day Assembly
Wahoo Public & Bishop Neumann
High Schools
Wahoo, Nebraska
November 10, 2011 9:30 a.m.**

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Wahoo High School/Bishop Neumann High School
WHS Learning & Performance Center - 9:30 a.m.

*Ceremony sponsored by the 2011-2012 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 Emily Colgan
Justin Bewley
Reuben Sanchez
Morgan Novak
 - 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 Anmerie Schirmer
 - V. Student Reading Savannah DeWine
 - VI. Musical Selections
**Salute to America's Finest* WHS/Neumann Concert Bands
(Mr. Tim Rischling & Mrs. Joann Couton)
**God Bless America* WHS Blue & Gold Choir
(Mrs. Julie Baker-Anderson)
Bishop Neumann HS Choir
(Mr. Brian Botsford)
 - VII. Introduction of Veterans Day Speaker Michaela Curran

- VIII. Veterans Day Message John Gale
Nebraska Secretary of State
- IX. Closing Quotation Payten Foster

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

John Gale

Nebraska Secretary of State



John A. Gale was born in Omaha, Neb., on Oct. 23, 1940. His parents, Faye and John C. Gale Jr., were both born and raised in Omaha. John A. is a fifth-generation Nebraskan.

While growing up, Gale's family lived in several states through the years of World War II, eventually moving to Ogallala, Neb., in 1950. They lived in Ogallala for two years before moving back to Omaha, where Gale graduated from Omaha North High School in 1958.

Gale attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and graduated in 1962 with a B.A. degree, majoring in government and international relations. He then attended the University of Chicago Law School on scholarship and received a J.D. degree in 1965.

After graduation from law school, Gale held positions with private business and government. From 1965-68, he worked in the legal department of Northern Natural Gas Co. of Omaha. From 1968-70, he served as a legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Roman Hruska of Nebraska and was responsible for agricultural appropriations, foreign relations and constitutional law issues. In 1970, he returned to Nebraska to work as an assistant U.S. attorney, first in Omaha and then in Lincoln.

In November 1971, Gale and his family moved to North Platte, Neb., where he entered the private practice of law. He served in private practice there for 29 years.

Gale became the 26th Nebraska secretary of state when he was appointed by Gov. Mike Johanns in December 2000 to fill a vacancy created with the resignation of Scott Moore. Gale was elected to four-year terms in 2002 and 2006.

Gale serves on the boards of the NEBRASKALand Foundation and Cornhusker Boys State. While living in North Platte, he was active in the Sunrise Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, state and local bar associations, Boy Scouts, United Way and Great Plains Regional Medical Center. He has served in various positions in the Nebraska Republican Party, including chairman in 1986.

Gale's wife, Carol, grew up in Kearney County in south central Nebraska and graduated from Kearney State College. While in North Platte, she worked as an art teacher at Adams Junior High School. Their family includes sons David of Fremont, Neb., and Steven of Laramie, Wyo.; daughter Elaine of Sacramento, Calif.; and four grandsons.