

Veterans Day, 2018

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

During National Veterans and Military Families Month, we salute the brave and dedicated patriots who have worn the uniform of the United States, and we celebrate the extraordinary military families whose selfless service and sacrifice make our military the finest in the world.

Our Nation's veterans represent the best of America. Generation after generation, men and women have answered the call to defend our country and our freedom, facing danger and uncertainty with uncommon courage. They make tremendous sacrifices by leaving their families to serve throughout the homeland and in combat, contingency, and humanitarian operations worldwide.

Our heroes have always relied on their families for strength and support. Serving alongside our men and women in uniform are spouses, siblings, parents, and children who personify the ideals of patriotism, pride, resilience, service above self, and honor. They endure the hardships and uncertainty of multiple relocations, extended trainings, and deployments because of their admirable devotion to our country and a loved one in uniform.

President Ronald Reagan said, "America's debt to those who would fight for her defense doesn't end the day the uniform comes off." Our Nation's veterans fulfilled their duty to this country with brave and loyal service; it is our moral and solemn obligation to demonstrate to them our continuing gratitude, unwavering support, and meaningful encouragement.

I am steadfastly committed to ensuring our veterans and their families receive the care and support they deserve. I was pleased to sign into law the landmark VA MISSION Act of 2018, which revolutionizes the way veterans receive healthcare and other services vital to their lives. The Department of Veterans Affairs is continuing to raise its standard of service, including through the establishment of the first national center of excellence for veteran and caregiver research, which will improve services and outcomes for patients and their families. I have also mandated greater collaboration across the Government to support veterans transitioning to civilian life. Additionally, Second Lady Karen Pence and I have collaborated on ways to elevate the career and educational opportunities for military spouses and children in partnership with State, local, and tribal officials.

It is most appropriate that in this season of gratitude we stop to recognize veterans, military families, and those who gave their lives in service to this great Nation. We are indebted to these heroes for the freedoms we enjoy every day. I ask all Americans to join me in offering our sincere thanks to our veterans and the families who love and support them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as National Veterans and Military Families Month. I encourage all communities, all sectors of society, and all Americans to acknowledge and honor the service, sacrifices, and contributions of veterans and military families for what they have done and for what they do every day to support our great Nation.

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

DONALD J. TRUMP

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



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VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2018



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Veterans Day Assembly
 November 12, 2018
 Wahoo High School/Bishop Neumann High School
 Wahoo, Nebraska

Ceremony sponsored by the 2018-2019 WHS Student Council

- I. Welcome Mr. Brandon Lavaley
 WPS Superintendent

Audience Stands

- II. Posting of the Colors Wahoo VFW Beaver-
 Bartek 4502 and American Legion Post 82
- III. Pledge of Allegiance Macy Homes, Jaclyn Schnakenberg,
 Leah Maass, Abigail Klein
- IV. *The Star-Spangled Banner* WHS Concert Band
 (Mr. Jason Smith)
 BNHS Concert Band
 (Mr. Bill Kellett)

Audience May Be Seated

- V. Introductory Remarks Josh Luedtke, Emily Obert
- VI. Student Essay Readings Kaitlyn Herndon
- VII. Musical Selections
 **Salute to America's Finest* WHS/BNHS Concert Bands
 (Mr. Jason Smith & Mr. Bill Kellett)
 **Come Stand with the Brave* WHS Concert Choir
 (Mr. Hunter Boe)
 Bishop Neumann HS Choir
 (Mrs. Samantha Costa)
- VIII. Introduction of Veterans Day Speaker Erin Sutton
- IX. Veterans Day Message Sgt. Megan Liekhus
 NE Army National Guard
- X. Closing Quotation Emma Thrasher

Audience Stands

- XI. Moment of Silence *Taps*
- XII. Assembled Colors Retired
- XIII. Postlude (*America*) WHS/BNHS Concert Bands
 (Mr. Jason Smith & Mr. Bill Kellett)

Student Body Dismissed

Sgt. Megan Liekhus

Nebraska Army National Guard



I was born in Fremont NE, and went to high school locally at Archbishop Bergan in Fremont. I enlisted my senior year in 2008 as a 35F, All Source Intelligence Analyst. I joined because I wanted adventure and to see life with a different perspective, and do something with purpose.

The National Guard took me all over the United States for different training events. I went to college at Midland University (while continuing to serve) and received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology, and an associate's degree in applied behavioral analysis. I served two state Active Duty missions: one in 2011 to assist with the flooding in Plattsmouth, NE, and in 2017 for Hurricane relief efforts when Hurricane Maria and Irma hit the U.S. Virgin Islands.

I've served two years working Counter Drug missions as a criminal analyst, working alongside the Nebraska State Patrol, Homeland Security, FBI and DOJ, specifically to analyze drug interdictions, prime projections and profiles of drug mules. I've spent one year working as a Biometric report developer in Ft. Leavenworth, KS, using intelligence analysis tools and databases to develop biometric identification analysis reports on assigned subjects. I was deployed to Northern Iraq in 2016-2017 for the Liberation of Mosul from ISIS control. I have worked as the ISR Collection manager to use aerial assets to collect and lead targeting efforts of collective ISIS personnel.

Additionally, I served as the J2 Current Operations NCOIC, maintaining actionable intelligence and worked closely with coalition partners (France, Belgium, Great Britain, Finland, and Canada). I provided our Commanding General with multi-discipline intelligence target packets to action targeting efforts to include High Valued individuals, and briefed all targets residing in Mosul to the CJTF Commanding General. While serving part time in the National Guard, I was a Paralegal for Fidelity National Title Company, until I accepted a full time position as a Recruiter for the Nebraska Army National Guard.

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 AND GOOD SENSE. NEVER YIELD TO
 FORCE; NEVER YIELD TO THE APPARENTLY
 OVERWHELMING MIGHT OF THE ENEMY.”**

--WINSTON CHURCHILL
