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## **SCHEDLER HONORS VETERANS THROUGH VOTER TURNOUT INITIATIVE**

BATON ROUGE, La. – In honor of the Veteran’s Day holiday, Secretary of State Tom Schedler is reminding voters about his Honor Vets...Vote program. The outreach initiative was developed in 2012 leading up to the presidential election season. Honor Vets...Vote allows individuals to dedicate their vote in an upcoming election to a current or former member of the military, honoring their sacrifice for our sacred right to vote.

“People can come up with a lot of excuses why they don’t get out and vote,” said Secretary of State Tom Schedler. “But we can all agree that our military heroes, who fought in numerous wars to ensure our freedoms, deserve our respect and admiration. Exercising your right to vote and dedicating that vote to an individual is a wonderful expression of thanks.”

Individuals wishing to participate in the Honor Vets...Vote program can access the application by visiting [www.sos.la.gov/honorvets](http://www.sos.la.gov/honorvets). After completing the form, each voter can choose to receive a bumper sticker, a lapel pin and/or a printable certificate documenting their vote dedication. Secretary Schedler encourages voters to participate in this patriotic program during each and every election to honor the many service members who have heroically protected our rights and freedoms.

“With the Nov. 16 election fast approaching, now is the perfect time to consider dedicating your vote through the Honor Vets program. It’s also a great gift to present to the loved ones of a soldier,” Schedler added.

To date, close to 2,000 individuals have dedicated their votes to veterans through the program. For more information, go to [www.sos.la.gov/honorvets](http://www.sos.la.gov/honorvets).

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