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Veterans Day Observances to be held statewide
"Honoring Women Veterans" the theme

(MADISON) – The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announces Veterans Day ceremonies to be held statewide. The theme for this year is "*Honoring Women Veterans.*"

"Veterans Day, this year on November 11th, falls two months after the 10-year anniversary of 9/11," said Secretary John A. Scocos. "For those who have ever worn the uniform in service to our nation, Veterans Day has significant meaning."

In addition, as part of Veterans Day, in 2007 Wisconsin Act 22, the State of Wisconsin has declared that the seven-day period that ends on November 11 (**Nov. 5-11, 2011**) is designated as "**Veterans Recognition Week**" in Wisconsin and the week of November that starts on Sunday and ends on Saturday in which Nov. 11 falls (**Nov. 6-12, 2011**) is designated as "**Hire A Veteran Week**" in Wisconsin.

Veterans Day ceremonies being conducted throughout the State of Wisconsin include:

The 48th Annual **Veterans Day Parade in Milwaukee** will be held on **November 5, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.** starting at 4th and Kilbourn in Milwaukee (see www.veteransdayparade-milw.org).

Friday, November 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. – State Capitol in Madison, hosted by the Madison Veterans Council, with a theme of "No Veteran Left Behind." A concert by VFW Band 1318 will precede the program. The Colors will be presented by members of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. The featured speaker will be **Bob Curry, President of DryHootch, Inc.** Following a Rose Ceremony, Military Honors will be conducted by the Madison Veterans Firing Squad.

Friday, November 11, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. – Marden Center of the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Speakers include: **Commandant Mary Hansen** of the King Home; Keynote speaker **State Representative Kevin Petersen** of Waupaca; and **U.S. Air Force Col. (Ret.) Nancy Kaczor.**

Friday, November 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. – Multi-purpose Room of Boland Hall of the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Union Grove. Speakers include Wis. Dept. of Veterans Affairs **Secretary John A. Scocos**, Keynote speaker **Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch**, and World War II veteran **Walter Stenavich** of Racine.

Friday, November 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. – Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery – Spooner. Speakers include: **Cemetery Director Matt Bergs**; Keynote speaker **Ray Boland**, former Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, and **Dawn Anderson**, Assistant County Veterans Service Officer of Barron County.

Friday, November 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. – Veterans Memorial Bridge Dedication Ceremony between Breitung Charter Township, Michigan and Niagara, Wisconsin. Participants include **Jason Johns, Deputy Secretary** of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and **Jason Allen, Senior Deputy Director** of Veteran’s Affairs in Michigan.

Friday, November 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. – 2011 Veterans Day Banquet at the War Memorial Center in Milwaukee. Speakers include **U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. John McCoy, Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecki**, and Wis. Dept. of Veterans Affairs **Secretary John A. Scocos**.

The **Wisconsin Veterans Museum** will also be open on Veterans Day from **9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Operated by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum is committed to honoring Wisconsin’s military veterans and their role in shaping our nation’s history through unique collections, award-winning exhibits, and educational programs. The Museum is located at **30 West Mifflin Street, Madison**, across from the State Capitol. For information about the museum programs and current exhibits visit the museum website at *www.museum.dva.state.wi.us*.

For more information about Veterans Day and ceremonies taking place throughout the state, go to *www.WisVets.com/VeteransDay*, see WDVA Events webpage at *www.WisVets.com/Events*, or call 1-800-WIS-VETS (1-800-947-8387).