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ISSUE BRIEFING: Honor Vote and Vote in Honor of a Veteran Programs

Summary

Honor Vote and Vote in Honor of a Veteran programs give voters the opportunity to recognize and express their appreciation for service members who are currently or have selflessly served to protect the United States and its citizens. Most of these programs are managed by Secretaries of State who serve as their state's Chief Election Official.

How the Program Works

Typically, participating states have an online form, where registered voters can share a written dedication to a veteran or active-duty service member of their choice. Oftentimes, the veterans are or were citizens of the state that offers the honor program. The form may ask the voter to include the veteran's full name, military branch, rank, and service dates, as well as the voter's full name and contact information. The voter may also be asked to share why they are dedicating their vote to the specified veteran/service member and to highlight any additional achievements and military decorations. Some forms also allow the voters to share photos of the veteran/service member.

Once the form has been submitted by the voter and reviewed by the program's host office, the tribute can be publicly viewed online. Most offices will send the voter a small token for their dedication, such as buttons/pins, stickers, and/or other memorabilia to indicate their participation in the program. It is permissible for participating citizens to wear the buttons/pins at their voting location.

As a note, each state's program details may vary.

States with Honor Vote/Vote in Honor of a Veteran Programs

The following states currently offer Honor Vote/Vote in Honor of a Veteran programs. All are managed by the Secretary of State except for North Carolina. Note that some pages may only be available to view during election cycles.

Colorado	Iowa	Kentucky	Louisiana	Maine
Minnesota	Mississippi	Nebraska	Nevada	New Hampshire
New Jersey	North Carolina*	Ohio	Tennessee	

*Managed by the State Board of Elections

NASS
National Association of Secretaries of State

States with Honor Vote/Vote in Honor of a Veteran Programs on the County Level

The following states offer Honor Vote/Vote in Honor of a Veteran programs in select counties. Note that some pages may only be available to view during election cycles.

Florida:

Bradford	Brevard	Calhoun	Citrus	Collier
Flagler	Franklin	Hernando	Highlands	Lake
Levy	Madison	Marion	Nassau	Okaloosa
Okeechobee	Palm Beach	Pasco	Putnam	Sumter
Taylor	Volusia	Walton	Wakulla	

Kansas:

Johnson

South Carolina:

Charleston

Veteran Poll Worker Recruitment

Some states encourage veterans to serve as poll workers through in-house initiatives and partnerships with external organizations like Vet the Vote.

The following states have veteran poll worker recruitment initiatives and/or Vet the Vote partnerships. Note that some pages may only be available to view during election cycles.

Alabama	California*	Georgia	Idaho	Michigan
Montana	Nevada	New Hampshire	New Jersey	Ohio

*Los Angeles County, CA

Voting Tools for Veterans

Some states provide additional resources and programs to help ensure veterans can exercise their right to vote with ease. These resources can include information on registration, how to vote in-person, early, or absentee, voter assistance for veterans, and more.

The following state currently offers voter participation programs/tools for veterans:

Iowa

Additional Resources

NASS's CanIVote.org
Federal Voting Assistance Program
U.S. Vote Foundation
Vet the Vote