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**LDVA TO HOST INAUGURAL VETERANS DAY AT THE CAPITOL  
TO HONOR VETERANS, BRING AWARENESS TO VETERANS ISSUES**

**BATON ROUGE, La.**—Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Charlton Meginley, COL (USAF Retired) invites all veterans and veteran supporters to attend LDVA’s inaugural Veterans Day at the Capitol on Monday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will honor Louisiana’s veterans and create awareness of veterans’ issues while providing an opportunity for dialogue with policymakers and other stakeholders.

“Partnerships are critical to the success of LDVA’s mission to advocate for Louisiana’s veterans and their families,” said Secretary Meginley. “Veterans Day at the Capitol creates a platform where veterans can interact with legislators and fellow veterans, as well as state and federal VA leadership, to discuss how we can best serve veterans.”

The event begins at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall, located between the House and Senate chambers, where 24 veteran resource organizations will man informational tables through 3 p.m. LDVA and USDVA will be represented, as well as traditional and non-traditional organizations including:

Acadiana Veteran Alliance  
Alive & Well  
American Legion  
Blinded Veterans Association  
Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana  
Disabled American Veterans  
Louisiana Economic Development  
Louisiana Women Veterans  
Marine Corps League  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
National Alliance on Mental Illness

NextOp Vets  
Songs for Survivors  
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services  
Start Corporation  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Veterans Treatment Courts  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Volunteers of America  
Women Veterans of the ArkLaTex  
Work for Warriors  
Wounded Warrior Project

In addition to representation in Memorial Hall, we will hold a Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal ceremony at 10 a.m. in Alario Plaza (House Patio), which is located on the east side of the Capitol nearest to the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park. Guests may also visit the park, and the Old Arsenal Museum, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about Veterans Day at the Capitol, please email [veteran@la.gov](mailto:veteran@la.gov) or call 225.219.5005.

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