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**“CONTINUING THE LEGACY” - VETERANS DAY 2003**

(MADISON) – During Veterans Day 2003, as we remember and recognize a new generation of combat veterans, the men and women of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) join with millions of Americans on November 11 to honor those who served in America’s armed forces.

“This year WDVA has chosen a Veterans Day theme of ‘*Continuing the Legacy*,’” said Secretary John A. Scocos, “to recognize the legacy of those who have served in the past to those serving today, at home and abroad. Since the first Armistice Day in 1918 at the end of World War I, Veterans Day has been a special day set aside to recognize our veterans and their families for their sacrifices and contributions to our nation.”

On Veterans Day, Scocos will join Governor Jim Doyle at the State Capitol Rotunda to recognize veterans during a ceremony hosted by the Madison Veterans Council, beginning at 10:00 a.m. In addition to the numerous veterans programs held throughout Wisconsin at schools, veterans parks, cemeteries and other locations, the WDVA will also be conducting Veterans Day programs at the:

- Wisconsin Veterans Home, Marden Memorial Center at King, starting at 10:30 a.m.
- Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs/Wisconsin Veterans Museum – Madison, starting at 11:15 a.m. or immediately following the State Capitol program.
- Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spooner, starting at 1:00 p.m., and
- Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Union Grove, starting at 3:00 p.m. Governor Doyle is scheduled to speak. Additionally, Governor Doyle will sign into law several bills related to veterans at 2:00 p.m. in the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery administration building.

“On this Veterans Day, let us remember those from Wisconsin and this nation who have served and those serving today, active, reserve and national guard from all branches of service,” said Scocos. “We will ensure they receive the benefits and services that they have earned.”

For further information about these and other Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and Wisconsin Veterans Museum events and activities, call 1-800-947-8387 (WIS-VETS) or go to <http://dva.state.wi.us>.