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In continuing a decades-long tradition, Dexter will honor her veterans with a special program Friday morning.

In a new twist, the Daughters of the American Revolution have moved the Veterans Day observance to the Bearcat Event Center, where more veterans and their families, and all of the Dexter Schools' students, can participate.

The Veterans Day Observance will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Bearcat Event Center on Grant Street. The community - especially veterans and their families - are invited to attend and participate.

Master of Ceremonies will be Dexter Mayor Joe Weber and guest speaker Major Roger Alsop, Missouri National Guard, Retired, will be the keynote speaker and the Rev. Phil Warren will deliver the invocation. Joining them on stage will be Dexter native Col. Clifford Manlove, USAF Retired. Manlove has served as the Parade Marshal of the Dexter parade for several years.

Also participating in Friday's program will be the Dexter High School band under the direction of Scott Rybolt.

The traditional awards for the 5th Grade Poster Contests and the 8th Grade Essay contest will be presented during the program. Sheila Alsup and Katie Alsup, representatives of the American Legion Auxiliary, will make the presentations.

Honoring Veterans

To honor the men and women of our Armed Forces, both past and present, here are several ways that folks are supporting these individuals:

At no cost other than your time, thank the troops directly by sending an e-greeting with your special message. Head to Facebook for the [U.S. Army page](#), the [U.S. Navy page](#), the [Marines page](#), the [U.S. Airforce page](#) or the [U.S. Department of Defense page](#). Or you can simply visit [USO.org](#) to leave your message with a few quick clicks.

- Facebook has unveiled a new [U.S. Military page](#) with the goal of bringing together resources and information to help the millions of military personnel, veterans and families stay connected and informed. Facebook has also launched "[A Nation Gives Thanks](#)" app in time for Veterans Day to give people the opportunity to thank active service members, veterans and their families for their service to our country.
- In honor of Veterans Day, Sam's Club locations nationwide will distribute [36,000 Hugo canes free of charge](#) on November 9th-11th to U.S. military veterans in need of mobility assistance.
- Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar is thanking our nation's veterans and active duty military for a third consecutive years this Veterans Day, by inviting them to their neighborhood Applebee's for a well-deserved free meal. A selection of complimentary entrees will be available for these local heroes on this day as dine-in guests at all Applebee's restaurants throughout the U.S.
- The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes have teamed up for the fifth annual [Holiday Mail for Heroes program](#). From now until Dec. 10, you are invited to send holiday cards to our American servicemembers, their families, and veterans all over the world. Anyone can send a card and you can send as many as you would like! Please send all cards to:

*Holiday Mail for Heroes
P.O. Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD
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