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## Secretary Scanlan Introduces New Hampshire's First "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" Program

*New Hampshire voters who participate in the program will receive a pin designed by a Portsmouth Navy Veteran.*

**CONCORD, NH (July 3, 2024):** Earlier today, Secretary of State David M. Scanlan and Senior Deputy Secretary of State Patricia Lovejoy introduced New Hampshire's first "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" program, which gives New Hampshire voters the opportunity to recognize the Veterans and service members in their lives who protect our most precious freedom – the right to vote.

To participate in the program, New Hampshire voters can visit [www.sos.nh.gov/vote-honor-veteran](http://www.sos.nh.gov/vote-honor-veteran) to submit the name of the Veteran or service member they are voting in honor of and a short testimonial on what their service means to them. In exchange, the Secretary of State's Office will send them a "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" pin they can wear proudly at the polls on Election Day.

The "Vote in Honor of a Veteran" pin was designed by Navy Veteran Jacob Aldridge, who worked on the USS New Hampshire and as an engineering tech at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. A recipient of five Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medals, he is currently pursuing a degree in fine arts at Great Bay Community College.

"New Hampshire enjoys free and transparent elections thanks, in large part, to the sacrifices of our Veterans and service members," said Secretary of State David Scanlan. "We're pleased to officially vote in their honor and encourage New Hampshire voters to do the same."

"The 'Vote in Honor of a Veteran' program provides New Hampshire citizens with a visible tribute to those who so proudly serve and have served this country in the United States Military Service," said Senior Deputy Secretary of State Patricia Lovejoy. "This program recognizes their efforts to keep our democracy strong and to ensure that we may continue to cast a ballot each election day. Through this initiative, New Hampshire voters can demonstrate the pride they feel for an individual, and, at the same time, encourage others to vote on Election Day."

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