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## **Veterans Affairs to host Veterans Appreciation Event**

*Program features Heroes Among Us project from local students*

**OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 6, 2013** — A Veterans Day appreciation luncheon and Heroes Among Us reception will be held Nov. 12 at the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic Auditorium, 600 S. 70<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln, Neb.

A Veterans Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The keynote speaker is Rosalie Lippincott, who worked at the North Platte, Neb., Canteen during her teen years serving meals to World War II U.S. service members who passed through on troop trains. The luncheon will also feature live music.

A Heroes Among Us Reception will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. The project was coordinated by Hildegard Center for the Arts. The goal of the project was to help kids distinguish between real heroes and celebrities, to recognize heroes in their families and community and to ultimately discover the “hero within.” Heroes Among Us provided over 175 different schools with exciting opportunities in writing, visual art and short film.

Artwork from many students at the will be on display throughout the auditorium. Some of the students will also read poems that they wrote. The project was designed to highlight Veterans and other heroes within the community whom the students wanted to recognize. To learn more about the Heroes Among Us project, visit <http://hildegardcenter.org>.

Light refreshments will be provided at the reception.

Veterans, their families and the community are invited to attend.

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### **About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System**

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System’s mission is to honor America’s Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O’Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>

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