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COUNTDOWN TO SUNDAY, NOV. 7's CONN. VETERANS PARADE:

*** MEDIA ADVISORY * VIDEO/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY ***

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010

4 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**IN CONNECTICUT STATE CAPITOL BUILDING'S Hall of Flags
Hartford, Conn.**

THREE (3) CONN. STUDENTS TO BE HONORED FOR WINNING ESSAYS:

"I Want to Say THANK YOU to a Veteran Because..."

TOP WINNER TO RIDE IN SUNDAY, NOV. 7's CONN. VETERANS PARADE

▶ (3 winning essays can be e-mailed or faxed to you)

The Navy League of the U.S.-Hartford Council and the **State of Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs' Deputy Commissioner John Wiltse** will honor the top winners of the **Statewide Connecticut Veterans Parade Essay Contest**. The contest encourages 6th, 7th and 8th graders to learn more about the heroism and importance of American servicemen and women through history.

Students from all over Connecticut wrote essays on "Why Do We Honor Veterans?"

ALL STUDENT WINNERS WILL READ THEIR ESSAYS AT THIS EVENT.

▶ Top Winner – Will ride in Statewide Parade:

- Vernon's Kaitlin Huber, an 8th grader at Vernon Center Middle School

▶ Two Runners-Up:

- Granby 6th grader Morgan Marsh and Stamford 8th grader Bridget Smith

One of the largest salutes to veterans in the entire U.S. and the largest veterans parade in New England, the Connecticut Veterans Parade expects more than 3,500 marchers to step off on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. near the State Capitol Building in Hartford.

For more parade details, including a map of the parade route, list of marching units, and discounted or free parking areas, go to www.ctveteransparade.org or call the Parade Info Phone at (860) 986-7254.