



# LOUISIANA SENATE

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## **LOUISIANA SENATE TO HOLD 11<sup>th</sup> MILITARY FAMILY DAY IN HONOR OF LOUISIANA'S FALLEN HEROES ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>**

The Louisiana State Senate will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Family Day to honor Louisiana Fallen Heroes and their families on Tuesday, April 28th, at 1:30 p.m., during the legislative session in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol.

Since the Military Family Day's program inception in 2005, the Senate has honored 203 fallen soldiers from Louisiana serving in the U.S. military for their sacrifice in defense of freedom. This year, thirteen heroes will be honored with a resolution, authored and read by Senator Robert Adley (R-Benton), a veteran of the Vietnam War and United States Marine Corps, and will be passed by the entire membership. Each resolution will be given to the soldier's family along with a state flag. The following Louisiana soldiers will be honored:

- United States Army Sergeant First Class Andrew T. Weathers
- Louisiana National Guard Specialist Desmond Dershon Desdunes
- United States Air Force Master Sergeant Sheilah J. Player
- United States Army Sergeant Justin Kling
- Louisiana National Guard Staff Sergeant Thomas Florich
- Louisiana National Guard Specialist Chase McRay Reynolds
- Louisiana National Guard Staff Sergeant Lance Bergeron
- Louisiana National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Four George Wayne Griffin, Jr
- Louisiana National Guard Sergeant Michael Shane Soignier
- Louisiana National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Four George David Strother
- United States Marine Staff Sergeant Adam Jacob Koczrowski
- United States Army Private First Class Bailey Swaggart
- Louisiana National Guard Specialist Justin Blaze
- Louisiana National Guard Military Policeman Travis Bordelon

"A good soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him. We should do no less," said Sen. Adley. "Fewer than 10% of the population are veterans and fewer than 1% are actively serving. We owe a great deal to those who protect us."

The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber and a balloon release will be held immediately following the program on the steps of the State Capitol. The families of the fallen soldiers and all military families are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information or to learn more about the resolutions honoring Louisiana's fallen heroes go to <http://senate.la.gov> and click on the Support Our Troops symbol or contact Shannon C. Simpson at 225-342-6181.

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