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The Supervisor of Elections' Office, in conjunction with the District School Board, will finalize plans this summer for resuming the Vote in Honor of a Vet Program in Pasco High Schools this upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

The Vote in Honor of a Veteran program first began in the 2007-2008 school year. Supervisor Corley introduced the program to honor his grandfather, a Pearl Harbor Survivor who loved sharing stories of valiant Americans who fought for our freedom. As direct descendents of Irish immigrants, the elder Mr. Corley solidified the family tenet that continues today.

In the same way, the program seeks to encourage voting among our young citizens through the inspiration of

hearing firsthand the personal sacrifices of patriots. Veterans share their stories in the classrooms in exchange for pledges from the students to "Vote in Honor of a Vet". Participating students receive certificates presenting the biography of their vet and a set of dog tags to wear as a constant reminder of their pledge. Voter registration, or pre-registration for students 15 years of age and older will be offered.

The intent of the program is to encourage voting among our young citizens whom historically have low numbers of voter registration and even less turnout on election day. This is just one of the programs the supervisor's office conducts in an effort to educate our youth about the importance of exercising our right to vote in this great country of ours.