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**SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY EVENTS AT
LOUISIANA STATE ARCHIVES AND LOUISIANA'S OLD STATE CAPITOL**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne invites everyone to attend the holiday events scheduled at the Louisiana State Archives and Louisiana's Old State Capitol.

A reception saluting our armed forces and honoring the Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers and their families is being held at the Louisiana State Archives on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Louisiana National Guard exhibit will also be on display. This exhibit features historic uniforms from the Spanish Colonial Period through 2007, weapons, soldier's personal items and photographs.

In conjunction with the Downtown Festival of Lights, Louisiana's Old State Capitol will have an open house and the annual "Santa in the Senate." Visitors can create fresh fruit and clove ornaments, enjoy the music of Kenny Kleinpeter in the rotunda and snack on apple cider and cookies while waiting to take a photograph with Santa.

In addition, the Old State Capitol will be closed for routine maintenance from Dec. 24 through Jan. 12. The museum will continue to operate under normal hours on all other days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Old State Capitol is open Mondays for special tours.

For more information about the Louisiana State Archives and Louisiana's Old State Capitol, visit our Web site at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov>.

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