

Special Thanks

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR



Vet Center
Family Fare Supermarket
The Salvation Army
Nightlife Limousine
American Red Cross
Dakota Fence
Harlow's Bus Service
Honor Run Participants
North Dakota Highway Patrol
Veteran Service Organizations
Veteran Service Auxiliaries
Metro Area Ambulance Service
Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club

North **D**akota **V**eterans **C**emetery
May 27, 2024

Memorial Day Ceremony

WELCOME:

Master of Ceremonies - Captain Thomas Hansen

FLYOVER:

Two UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopters North Dakota National Guard

POSTING OF THE COLORS:

Veteran Service Organizations

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Warrant Officer 1 Tessa Hogan - North Dakota National Guard

OPENING PRAYER:

Pastor John Streccius, Lord of Life Church, Bismarck

REMARKS:

Governor Doug Burgum

Major General Al Dohrmann - North Dakota Adjutant General

KEYNOTE:

Admiral Stuart B. Munsch

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa

Commander, Allied Joint Force Command, Naples

HOW GREAT THOU ART:

188th Army Band Brass Quintet

RIFLE VOLLEY:

American Legion Gilbert S. Furness Post #40

Veterans of Foreign Wars Harry L. Kidd Post #707, Mandan

TAPS:

Douglas Webber - AMVETS Post #9

CANNON SALUTE:

North Dakota National Guard Military Funeral Honors

FLAGS RAISED TO THE FULL STAFF:

Military Veterans

CLOSING PRAYER:

Chaplain (Captain) Father Justin Waltz, 119th Wing

RETIRING OF THE COLORS:

Veteran Service Organizations

Admiral Stuart B. Munsch - Keynote Speaker



Admiral Stuart B. Munsch, a native of North Dakota, epitomized the finest qualities of a naval leader throughout his illustrious career. Graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985 with a degree in Electrical Engineering, he quickly distinguished himself as an exceptional student, excelling not only academically but also as a skilled marksman, earning All-American honors and a national championship in pistol shooting.

Following his time at Annapolis, Munsch embarked on a series of sea duty assignments, demonstrating his dedication and expertise aboard various vessels, including the USS Will Rogers, USS Jefferson City, USS Kitty Hawk, and USS Tucson.

Munsch's commitment to service extended beyond the sea, as evidenced by his roles in U.S. Pacific Command, the White House Fellowship, and his command of the USS Albuquerque. His leadership prowess was further showcased during his tenure in the Pentagon and overseas, commanding Submarine Group 7 and Task Forces 74 and 54.

Promoted to flag rank, Munsch continued to make significant contributions, serving in key positions within OPNAV, the Joint Staff, and assuming command of Allied Joint Force Command in Naples, Italy.

He concurrently, serves as commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe and U.S. Naval Forces Africa, demonstrating his ability to manage complex operations across diverse geographic regions.

Throughout his distinguished career, Munsch garnered numerous accolades, including multiple Defense Distinguished Service Medals, Navy Distinguished Service Medals, and Legion of Merit awards. His operational excellence and strategic acumen earned him the admiration of his peers and the respect of the international community.

Captain Thomas Hansen - Master of Ceremonies



The Nuclear Medical Science Officer for the 81st Civil Support Team (CST). He has served in this capacity for the last 7 years, and helped to bring national attention to the CST through his contributions to both the COVID19 pandemic response and the Williston explosives response.

He holds a master's degree in Radiation Health Physics, a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering, and is pursuing a doctoral degree in Systems Engineering. He is an active member in both the Health Physics Society (HPS) and the Clandestine Laboratory Investigating Chemists (CLIC) Association.

Prior to the CST, Hansen was a Platoon Leader at the 957th Multi-role Bridge Company, a Section Sergeant for the 816th Engineer Company, and a Squad Leader at the 815th Engineer Company.

Hansen's awards include the 2021 Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award for Company Grade Officers from the National Guard Association, 2017 Honor Graduate from Engineering Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, 2016 Distinguished Honor Graduate, Leadership Excellence Award, and Academic Excellence Award for the North Dakota Officer Candidate School graduating class, 2016 Honor Graduate from the Alabama Fast Track Officer Candidate School graduating class, and the 2012 Non-commissioned Officer of the year for the N.D. Army National Guard.

Apr-24	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1992							17	16	15	10	3	6	67
1993	5	10	4	9	11	6	14	13	12	14	8	7	113
1994	7	11	11	9	16	10	13	16	20	11	13	16	153
1995	8	3	13	9	15	15	13	19	17	15	12	11	150
1996	10	13	11	12	23	14	14	13	7	11	15	15	158
1997	14	12	7	12	19	12	14	17	13	17	8	18	163
1998	16	19	8	14	22	14	6	17	19	11	19	15	180
1999	15	21	17	24	24	17	20	20	16	14	14	29	231
2000	26	19	20	19	25	24	20	19	17	20	20	19	248
2001	30	17	28	27	25	18	19	22	19	20	16	23	264
2002	18	21	25	29	22	25	32	31	21	32	17	17	290
2003	15	11	22	24	26	20	15	23	22	27	22	23	250
2004	20	15	22	19	29	29	22	18	10	22	13	13	232
2005	20	18	27	23	27	27	35	39	30	27	25	25	323
2006	29	14	13	33	35	29	41	21	21	30	32	18	316
2007	22	32	25	24	37	28	37	31	23	24	27	23	333
2008	15	26	22	38	49	34	40	34	40	44	26	29	397
2009	25	24	29	33	55	49	38	37	29	40	28	23	410
2010	26	24	35	33	40	36	44	36	33	31	33	34	405
2011	24	29	29	32	41	42	33	47	44	29	38	38	426
2012	35	32	38	35	55	46	43	44	30	45	26	23	452
2013	42	32	30	35	55	53	42	43	34	46	33	31	476
2014	27	33	32	38	49	57	50	44	27	41	37	34	469
2015	36	34	32	43	50	57	61	44	40	50	47	30	524
2016	21	47	35	43	51	52	54	33	37	38	29	44	484
2017	25	31	31	55	47	60	46	43	36	41	52	40	507
2018	33	35	40	46	57	72	50	56	48	50	27	31	545
2019	28	29	31	44	61	65	45	63	54	55	35	36	546
2020	37	40	46	26	43	73	79	72	65	66	59	65	671
2021	33	32	42	41	55	98	75	48	53	58	52	38	625
2022	29	33	40	44	62	90	56	49	48	45	43	37	576
2023	34	22	28	25	60	96	50	52	37	53	34	43	534
2024	40	39	38	45									162
TOTAL	765	778	831	943	1186	1268	1138	1080	937	1037	863	854	11680
MONTH AVG	24	24	26	29	38	41	36	34	29	32	27	27	31
3 YEAR AVG													578

VETERAN *1			RESERVE			VETERAN/DEPENDANTS			FEMALE/MALE RATIO	
US Coast Guard	27	0%	Air Force Reserve	15	2%	Spouse	3687	Female	3852	
US Air Force	906	12%	Army Reserve	94	13%	Dependents	81	Male	7828	
US Army	4693	62%	Navy Reserve	11	1%	Veteran	7627			
US Marine Corps	414	5%	ANG	67	9%	Reserve	39			
US Navy	1564	21%	ARNG	563	75%	Guard	246			
TOTAL	7604	100%	TOTAL	750	100%	TOTAL	11680	TOTAL	11680	

WAR SERVICE			TYPE OF INTERMENT			GRAVESITES			DISPOSITION	
Civil	1	0%	Interment	11408	98%	# Graves	15,030	100%	Burial	6507
Spanish	2	0%	Re-interment	257	2%	# Used	8,458	56%	Cremation	5045
WW 1	14	0%	Dis-interment	15	0%	TOTAL	6,572	44%	Columbarium	20
WW 2	2534	38%				**Space available for **			Memorial	93
Korea	2085	31%				the next	15.37	**Years	Dis-interment	15
Vietnam	1797	27%								
Persian Gulf	151	2%								
Iraq/Afghanistan	45	1%								
TOTAL	6629		TOTAL	11680						11680

*1 Veterans that served in multiple branches of service are counted accordingly

*March 2019 corrected Guard/Reserve/Veterans and logged properly

Blue indicates record burial month

15.37 years with established 35 acres, we own a total of 75 acres, so that will give us many more years of space.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The cemetery office is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm CST Monday through Friday, except on State Holidays.

The cemetery gates are open to visitors 24/7.

All committal prayers at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery are conducted in our Interment Building unless the cemetery director approves other arrangements. Arrangements for pallbearers, military honors and religious services are to be made by the funeral home.

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

All interments require verification of eligibility of the Veteran, National Guardsman, Reservist, and spouse or dependent prior to the burial date. Verification of eligibility is based off of the Veterans discharge (DD 214 or its equivalent). This document must verify that the service member received an "Honorable", "Under Honorable Conditions" or "General" discharge.

We do allow pre-registration. To pre-register, you may complete our pre-registration application and attach a copy of your discharge. This is a great way to provide us your documentation so when the time of need arises, your family does not need to worry about locating your proper paperwork. This is not a requirement to be interred here, but recommended.

SCHEDULING OF INTERMENTS

Requests for interments should be made at the earliest possible date. In the events of a full-body burial, we do require a funeral director to make all arrangements and be present for the burial. In the event of a cremation burial, if any committal services or Military Funeral Honor Services are being held, you must work with a funeral home and the funeral home representative must be present. In cases of a direct cremation burial (no services, drop off of urn for burial only) no funeral home is required and you may schedule directly with the cemetery.

We schedule interments on the hour, every hour, Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm CST. Please contact our office for available times. Please be certain to be on time as we will begin the service promptly on the hour.

Please remember the committal service is not to exceed 5-10 minutes so our staff has adequate time to complete the burial and get ready for the next one.

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery
4606 Highway 1806 - Mandan, ND 58554
(701) 667-1418 –Phone (701) 667-1419 - Fax

Floral Regulations

FRESH CUT FLOWERS: Fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time. Only temporary flower containers are permitted. Floral items will be removed from graves when they become faded or unsightly.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS: Artificial flowers may be placed on graves during the period of October 1st to the 10th day following Memorial Day.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Christmas wreaths or blankets are permitted on graves during the Christmas season commencing 1 December and **will be removed by caretakers on 1 February each year.**

PERMANENT PLANTINGS: Permanent plantings will not be permitted on graves at any time. Potted plants will be permitted on graves during the period 10 days before and 10 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day.

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS: Statues, vigil lights, glass objects of any nature or any other commemorative items are not permitted on the graves at any time.

U.S. FLAG AND CEMETERY FLAGPOLE: The flag of the United States will be displayed each day of the year. The flag of the United States will be brought to half-staff one-half hour before the first committal service of the day and returned to full staff one-half hour after the last service is completed for the day. On Memorial Day, the flag of the United States will be flown at half-staff until conclusion of the Memorial Day service and returned to full staff thereafter, or as directed by the Cemetery Director. All graves will be decorated on Memorial Day by the cemetery staff with 8"x12" United States Flags. U.S. Flags are not permitted on graves at any other time.

REMOVAL OF DECORATIVE ITEMS: During lawn mowing and ground maintenance season all floral items will be removed from graves when that section of the cemetery requires mowing or other maintenance.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: At no time may anything be affixed to the headstones. You may not affix stickers, flowers, pictures, balloons, memorabilia etc. to the upright granite headstone at any time.