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# Omaha National Cemetery and NWIHCS to Hold Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28



**Omaha, NE** —The Omaha National Cemetery and the Nebraska-Western Iowa Healthcare System (NWIHCS) will commemorate Memorial Day with a ceremony on Monday, May 28 at 11:15 a.m. at the Omaha National Cemetery.

With the recent construction project completed, this will be the first year that the cemetery will conduct the ceremony on the newly acquired 35-acre site at the flag pole assembly area. Veterans, their families and friends, and the public are invited to attend. Prior to the ceremony, on Saturday, May 26, at 8 a.m., volunteers from the community will mark more than 1,000 graves at the cemetery with U.S. flags to honor the men and women who served the Nation.

Guest speakers for the event include U.S. Senator Deb Fischer, U.S. Representative Don Bacon; and local leaders from the Omaha VA Healthcare System and Omaha National Cemetery. The event will also feature traditional military tributes and music provided by the USAF Heartland of America Band from the Offutt Brass.

Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Richard J. Burch will provide the keynote address. Retired U.S. Army CSM Burch retired from the Army and the Army National Guard on October 1, 2013 after nearly 38 years of service. Burch returned to Nebraska after serving as the 9<sup>th</sup> Command Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard of the United States from March 2010 through September 2012.

Parking for the event will also be available at Millard Social Hall as well as on site. Shuttles will provide transportation for guests from the off-site parking to the National Cemetery. There is parking on site that is handicapped accessible. A sign language interpreter will be available for the hearing impaired.

Due to the expected large crowd, please plan to be in your seats by 11:00 a.m. Traffic at the site will be required to cease at 10:45 a.m. The ceremony will be held rain or shine so plan appropriately for inclement weather. For further information about the event or to volunteer to help mark graves, please contact the cemetery office at 402-253-3949 This event is open for media coverage.