

Special Thanks

Family Fare Supermarket
The Salvation Army
Nightlife Limousine
American Red Cross
Dakota Fence
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
Department of Transportation
Volunteers for Flag Placement and Removal



Restroom
Locations



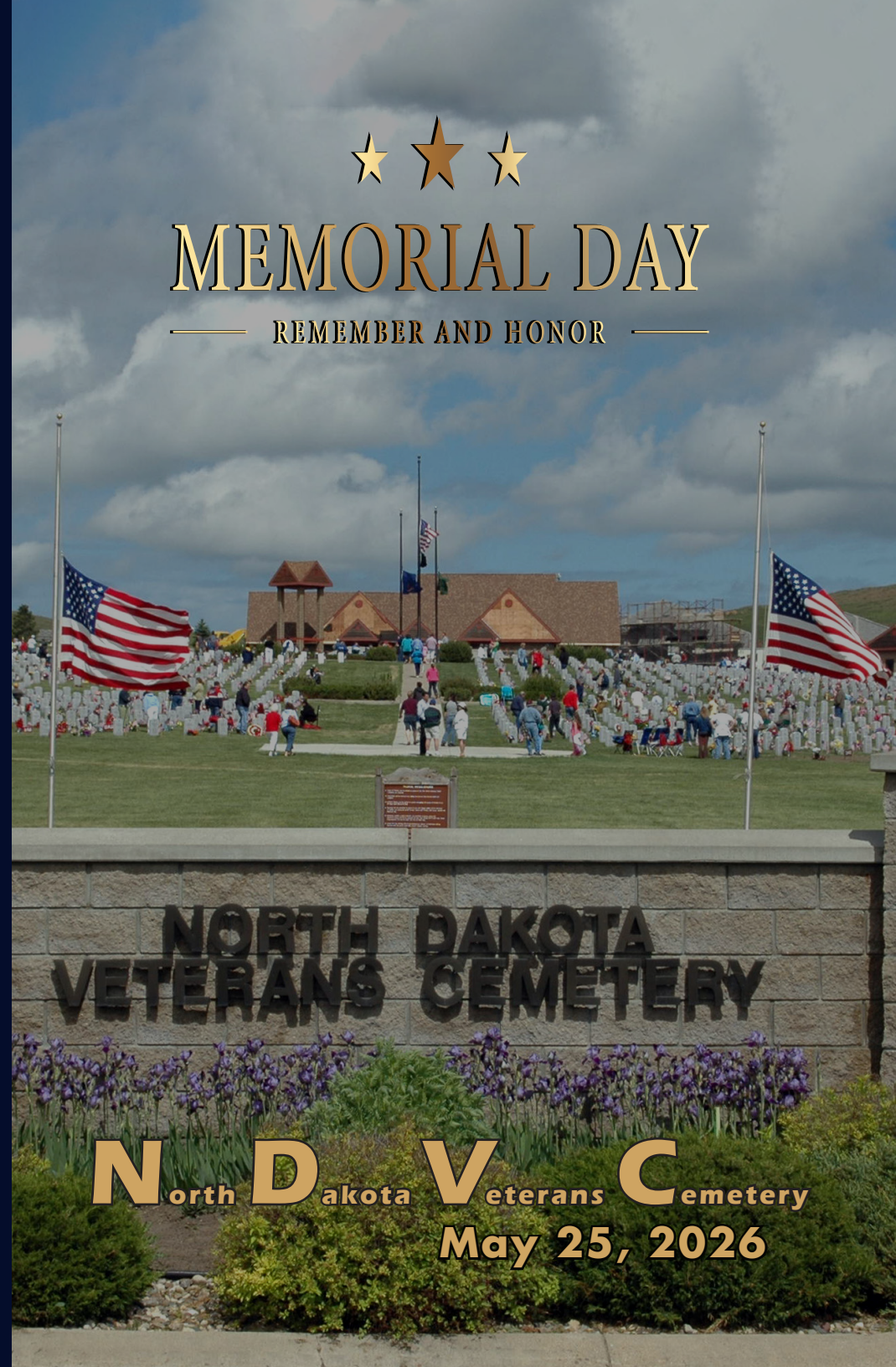
MEMORIAL DAY

Remember and Honor



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REMEMBER AND HONOR



NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS CEMETERY

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

May 25, 2026

WELCOME:

Master of Ceremonies -
Command Chief Warrant Officer 5 (Retired) Shelly Sizer

FLYOVER:

UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopters
North Dakota National Guard

POSTING OF THE COLORS:

Veteran Service Organizations

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

188th Army Band

OPENING PRAYER:

Father Dustin Johns
Ascension Catholic Church

REMARKS:

Gov. Kelly Armstrong
Congressional Representatives

KEYNOTE:

Brig. Gen. Mitch Johnson
North Dakota Adjutant General

HOW GREAT THOU ART:

188th Army Band Brass Quintet

RIFLE VOLLEY:

Dakota Leathernecks

TAPS:

Colton Friesz
Mandan High School

CANNON SALUTE:

North Dakota National Guard Military Funeral Honors

FLAGS RAISED TO THE FULL STAFF:

Military Veterans

CLOSING PRAYER:

Father Dustin Johns
Ascension Catholic Church

RETIRING OF THE COLORS:

Veteran Service Organizations

NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC SELECTION

Native Drum Group

Brig. Gen. Mitch Johnson - The Adjutant General



Brig Gen Mitch R. Johnson is the North Dakota National Guard Adjutant General and Director of the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES) at Bismarck, N.D. The department provides 24/7 emergency communications and resource coordination with more than 50 lead and support agencies, private enterprise, and voluntary organizations to assist local jurisdictions in disaster and emergency response activities. It administers federal disaster recovery program and the Homeland Security Grant Program. NDDDES also manages the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) that serves as a national clearinghouse through which member states may request and provide mutual aid assistance.

Brig. Gen. Johnson was commissioned in May 1997 through ROTC at Michigan Tech, Houghton, Mich. He was selected for an Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institution Program and earned his master's degree in 1998. Upon completion of pilot training, General Johnson served in multiple flying assignments in AMC, AETC, and AFSOC during his 12 years on active duty. He has command at the Wing, Group and Squadron level, and flew tactical aircraft, special operations attack and remotely piloted aircraft deployments. Prior to his assignment, General Johnson served as the Chief of Staff - Air for Joint Force Headquarters.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 (Retired) Shelly J. Sizer



Chief Warrant Officer Five (Ret.) Shelly Sizer dedicated 40 years of distinguished service to the North Dakota Army National Guard, retiring in 2018 as the Command Chief Warrant Officer for the state. From 2021 to 2025, she served as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, strengthening relationships between the Army and communities across North Dakota.

Sizer began her military career in 1978 when she enlisted as a Private E-1 with Headquarters Company, 141st Engineer Combat Battalion in Valley City. She advanced through the enlisted ranks to Staff Sergeant before earning her appointment as a Warrant Officer

in 1985. Throughout her career, she held leadership and personnel management positions with the 231st Engineer Battalion, the Regional Training Institute in Devils Lake, and Joint Force Headquarters in Bismarck. In 2010, she deployed to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, serving as Deputy, Joint Visitors Bureau. She was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer Five in 2014 and selected as Command Chief.

In addition to her military service, Sizer completed 22 years of federal technician service in personnel, family readiness, resilience, and suicide prevention programs. She earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Mary.

Apr-26	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	81	86	65	61	54	57	48	26	640
2025	34	30	39	41	59	71	53	46	44	43	28	28	516
2026	28	24	38	44									134
TOTAL	827	832	908	1028	1326	1425	1256	1187	1035	1137	939	908	12808

MONTH	24	24	27	30	40	43	37	35	30	33	28	27	32
3 YEAR AVG													563

VETERAN *1			RESERVE			VETERAN/DEPENDANTS			FEMALE/MALE RATIO		
US Coast Guard	29	0%	Air Force Reserve	20	2%	Spouse	4122	Female	4304		
US Air Force	1019	12%	Army Reserve	112	12%	Dependents	89	Male	8504		
US Army	5039	61%	Navy Reserve	13	1%	Veteran	8260				
US Marine Corps	460	6%	ANG	77	9%	Reserve	45				
US Navy	1684	20%	ARNG	680	75%	Guard	292				
TOTAL	8231	100%	TOTAL	902	100%	TOTAL	12808	TOTAL	12808		

IR SERVICE		TYPE OF INTERMENT		GRAVESITES		DISPOSITION	
Civil	1 0%	Interment	12529 98%	# Graves	15,030 100%	Burial	6881
Spanish	2 0%	Re-interment	261 2%	# Used	9130 61%	Cremation	5689
WW 1	14 0%	Dis-interment	18 0%	TOTAL	5,900 39%	Columbarium	116
WW 2	2569 37%					Memorial	104
Korea	2218 32%					Dis-interment	18
Vietnam	2047 29%						
Persian C	68 1%						
Iraq/Afgh	54 1%						
TOTAL	6973	TOTAL	12808			TOTAL	12808

*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

13.59 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. Sharing of remarks or eulogies is not permitted at the cemetery and must occur at a funeral home or place of worship prior to arrival. 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 service member's discharge (DD 214 or its equivalent). This document must verify that the service member received an "Honorable", "Under Honorable Conditions" or "General" discharge.

Pre-registration for burial at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery is not required. However, pre-registration is strongly encouraged, as it allows eligibility to be verified in advance and helps eliminate delays related to obtaining military service documentation at the time of need.

SCHEDULING OF INTERMENTS

The North Dakota Veterans Cemetery coordinates all interments with the funeral director to establish the appropriate date and time.

- Interments are scheduled Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays
 - Services occur on the hour, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. CST
 - A maximum of seven interments per day are scheduled

If no committal prayer or Military Funeral Honors (MFH) are requested, the cemetery will schedule a direct interment with the next of kin. A direct interment is defined as no committal prayers or MFH, and simply a family member bringing the urn to the cemetery for direct burial, nothing further.

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 gravesites at any time. Only temporary flower containers are permitted. Floral items will be removed from gravesites when they become faded or unsightly.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Christmas wreaths or blankets are permitted on gravesites 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 gravesites at any time. Small 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, pinwheels, balloons or any other commemorative items are not permitted on the gravesites 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 gravesites will be decorated on Memorial Day by the cemetery staff with 8"x12" United States Flags. U.S. Flags are not permitted on gravesites at any other time.

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

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.