

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

N^{orth} **D**^{akota} **V**^{eterans} **C**^{emetery}
May 26, 2025

Memorial Day Ceremony

WELCOME:

Master of Ceremonies - Capt. Chelsy Adams

FLYOVER:

UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopters - North Dakota National Guard

POSTING OF THE COLORS:

Veteran Service Organizations

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Staff Sgt. Gus Tandberg - 188th Army Band

OPENING PRAYER:

Chaplain (Capt.) Joseph Leach - North Dakota National Guard

REMARKS:

Gov. Kelly Armstrong

Sen. John Hoeven

Rep. Julie Fedorchak

Brig. Gen. Mitch Johnson - North Dakota Adjutant General

KEYNOTE:

Command Sgt. Maj. Anton Hillig
Retired Army Senior Enlisted Leader

HOW GREAT THOU ART:

188th Army Band Brass Quintet

RIFLE VOLLEY:

AMVETS Post 9 of Bismarck

TAPS:

Doug Weber - AMVETS Post 9 of Bismarck

CANNON SALUTE:

North Dakota National Guard Military Funeral Honors

FLAGS RAISED TO THE FULL STAFF:

Military Veterans

CLOSING PRAYER:

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher - Corpus Christi Church

RETIRING OF THE COLORS:

Veteran Service Organizations

NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC SELECTION

Native Drum Group

Command Sgt. Maj. Anton Hillig - Keynote Speaker



Command Sergeant Major Anton J. Hillig, a native of Bismarck, North Dakota, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1993 as a cavalry scout. With more than 25 years of distinguished service, he has held key leadership roles at every level, including platoon sergeant, first sergeant, battalion and brigade command sergeant major, and senior enlisted leader for both Training Advise Assist Command South and Kandahar Airfield. He most recently served as the 4th Infantry Division Command Sergeant Major (rear).

His diverse assignments span across elite units and global locations, including South Korea, Bosnia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, and Afghanistan, supporting operations such as New Horizon, Joint Forge, Iraqi Freedom, and Resolute Support. Hillig is a graduate

of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 63) and holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Troy University.

His accolades include the Legion of Merit, three Bronze Stars, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor and Combat Devices, and the Combat Action Badge. He has also earned prestigious honors such as the Orders of Saint George, Maurice, and Barbara, and the General Aubrey Red Newman Award.

Hillig retired in 2019 after 26 years of exemplary service in the U.S. Army.

Brig. Gen. Mitch Johnson - The Adjutant General



Brigadier General Mitchell Johnson assumed duties as Adjutant general for the North Dakota National Guard in September 2024. As adjutant general, General Johnson commands more than 4,000 North Dakota Soldiers and Airmen and supervises approximately 1,325 full-time federal and state employees. He also serves as the Director of North Dakota Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the State Emergency Communications Center.

Prior to his current assignment, General Johnson served as the North Dakota National Guard Chief of Staff Air from May to August of 2024 and Deputy Chief of Staff February to April 2024. From March 2021 to January 2024, he served as 119th Wing Commander. General 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 commanded at the wing, group, and squadron level, and flown tactical airlift, special operations attack and remotely piloted aircraft worldwide. General Johnson has served overseas on six different deployments. He is a native of Central Minnesota.

Apr-25	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									144
TOTAL	799	808	870	984	1267	1354	1203	1141	991	1094	911	880	12302
MONTH	24	24	26	30	40	42	36	35	30	33	28	27	31
3 YEAR AVG													583
VETERAN *1			RESERVE				VETERAN/DEPENDANTS				FEMALE/MALE RATIO		
US Coast Guard		28	0%	Air Force Reserve			20	2%	Spouse		3920	Female	4094
US Air Force		958	12%	Army Reserve			104	12%	Dependents		84	Male	8208
US Army		4893	62%	Navy Reserve			13	2%	Veteran		7978		
US Marine Corps		439	6%	ANG			71	8%	Reserve		43		
US Navy		1630	21%	ARNG			634	75%	Guard		277		
TOTAL		7948	100%	TOTAL			842	100%	TOTAL		12302	TOTAL	12302
WAR SERVICE				TYPE OF INTERMENT				GRAVESITES			DISPOSITION		
Civil		1	0%	Interment		12028	98%	# Graves	15,030	100%	Burial		6711
Spanish		2	0%	Re-interment		259	2%	# Used	8827	59%	Cremation		5404
WW 1		14	0%	Dis-interment		15	0%				Columbarium		73
WW 2		2557	38%					TOTAL		15,030	100%	Memorial	99
Korea		2159	32%								Dis-interment		15
Vietnam		1914	28%										
Persian		45	1%										
Iraq/Afg		48	1%										
TOTAL		6740		TOTAL		12302					TOTAL		12302
													**Space available for the next 35.479 **Years

*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

35.48 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.