

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today."

— John Maxwell Edmonds



SPECIAL THANKS TO

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Vet Center • Metro-Area Ambulance Service •
The Salvation Army • Red Cross •
Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park*

MEMORIAL DAY 2019

VIETNAM

50
YEARS

REMEMBERED

*Noon, Monday, May 27
North Dakota
Veterans Cemetery
Mandan, ND*



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Brig. Gen. (Retired) Alan Palmer

Brigadier General (Retired) Alan Palmer's military career began when he enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in 1972 as an electronic warfare specialist. He served in this capacity during several assignments, including a tour in Thailand. In 1981, he joined the North Dakota Air National Guard as a maintenance officer and supervisor, and later served in several command positions. Palmer's assignments included command of the 119th Supply Squadron, 119th Maintenance Squadron, 119th Logistics Squadron and the 119th Mission Support Group. He later served as the strategic plans and policy officer for the North Dakota National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters. Palmer's final assignment was serving as the chief of staff, North Dakota Air National Guard, in Fargo, North Dakota. In that role, he formulated, planned and established policies for the North Dakota Air National Guard and the 119th Fighter Wing, which, at the time, consisted of 1,000 Airmen and 15 fighter aircraft. Palmer retired from the military on May 31, 2010.



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Binstock

Command Sgt. Maj. Binstock, of Argusville, North Dakota, began his military service in 1991 when he enlisted into the North Dakota Army National Guard as a heavy-wheel vehicle mechanic with the Mott-based 816th Engineer Support Company. Binstock has held a multitude of positions while serving in the North Dakota Army National Guard, including assignments as squad leader, training noncommissioned officer (NCO), detachment readiness NCO, administration NCO, supply NCO, platoon sergeant, recruiting and retention NCO, Fargo recruiting station commander, first sergeant and command sergeant major. In 2003, Binstock deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a squad leader with Company A, 142nd Engineer Battalion. He deployed again in 2011 to Kuwait as the unit first sergeant with the 188th Engineer Company (Vertical). More recently, Binstock has served as the operations sergeant major for the Bismarck-based 68th Troop Command, area operations sergeant major for the Fargo-based 141st maneuver Enhancement Brigade and command sergeant major for the Minot-based 164th Engineer Battalion. He assumed duties as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the North Dakota National Guard last January. A 1992 graduate of Regent High School, Binstock holds an associate degree in occupational therapy from Northwest Technical College in Bemidji, Minnesota, and a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Mary in Bismarck. In his full-time civilian occupation, he's employed as a special agent with Homeland Security Investigations.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

OPENING REMARKS: Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Binstock, Master of Ceremonies

FLYOVERS: Dr. Daniel Van Buskirk, 1942 Boeing Stearman
Two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, flown by N.D. National Guard

POSTING OF THE COLORS:

- American Legion Lloyd Spetz Post #1, Bismarck
- American Legion Gilbert S. Furness Post #40
& Veterans of Foreign Wars Harry L. Kidd post #707, Mandan
- American Legion Albert Grass Post #173, Fort Yates
- American Legion Matthew American Horse Post #259, Cannonball
- AMVETS Post #9, Bismarck
- Bismarck Mounted Police
- Bismarck/Mandan 4th Degree Knights of Columbus
- Dakota Leathernecks Detachment
- Disabled American Veterans Post #3, Bismarck
- Standing Rock Vietnam Veterans Association
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Gilbert N. Nelson post #1326, Bismarck
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9061
& Ladies Auxiliary, Berthold & Mandaree
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #150, Bismarck

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Ms. Kayla J. Wolf

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Dave Swonger, House of Prayer Lutheran Church

WELCOMING REMARKS:

- Governor Doug Burgum
- Senator John Hoeven
- Maj. Gen. Al Dohrmann, North Dakota Adjutant General

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Brig. Gen. (Retired) Alan Palmer

188th ARMY BAND BRASS QUINTET: Hymn to the Fallen

RIFLE VOLLEY: American Legion Post #40 & VFW Post #707

TAPS: Mr. Harrison Fuller, Legacy High School

CANNON SALUTE: North Dakota National Guard Military Funeral Honors

FLAGS RAISED TO FULL STAFF: Military Veterans

CLOSING PRAYER: Chaplain (Capt.) Dellas Herbel, North Dakota National Guard

RETIRING OF COLORS: Veteran Service Organizations