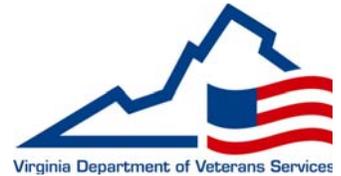


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Major Jeremy S. Mushtare to speak at Memorial Day ceremony

SUFFOLK—Major Jeremy S. Mushtare will be the guest speaker at the Memorial Day ceremony to be held at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on May 30, 2011. The cemetery is located at 5310 Milners Road in Suffolk.

Major Mushtare currently serves as the Executive Officer of the 5th PSYOP Battalion (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was commissioned as an engineer and has been serving in Psychological Operations since 2002. His deployments include Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Indonesia.

Delegate Chris Jones also will speak. Jones has represented the 76th district since 1998. Before his election to the Virginia General Assembly, Jones served as Councilman, Vice Mayor, and Mayor of the City of Suffolk. He is President and Pharmacist of Bennett's Creek Pharmacy.

The Memorial Day Ceremony is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9382 of Suffolk, Virginia. As part of the ceremony, representatives from veteran service and other organizations will place wreaths at the Committal Shelter to honor Virginia's veterans.

American flags will be placed on all grave sites. Weather permitting, 34 American flags will line the cemetery drive from the entrance to the committal shelter, creating the Avenue of Flags. Cemetery staff will be available to help visitors locate grave sites, and military service members and veterans can file pre-applications for future burial in the cemeteries.

Service members who were honorably discharged qualify for burial in one of Virginia's veterans cemeteries. A grave site, opening and closing of the grave for the veteran, placement of a government

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grave marker, and perpetual care of the site are provided to the veteran at no charge. Veterans' spouses and eligible dependent children may be interred for a small fee, currently \$300. Veterans and family members being interred in the cemetery may also purchase outer burial containers (burial vaults) at cost (\$400) from the cemetery.

The Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia is one of three state-operated veterans cemeteries. Other state veterans cemeteries include the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, located in Suffolk, and the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, located in Dublin. The cemeteries are operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services.

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