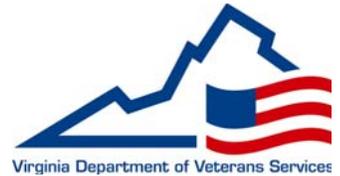


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Memorial Day Ceremony to feature Command Sergeant Major David Bruner

SUFFOLK—Command Sergeant Major David M. Bruner will be the guest speaker for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery. CSM Bruner is with U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on May 25, 2009. The cemetery is located at 5310 Milners Road in Suffolk.

The Memorial Day Ceremony is sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 2 and the Unit 2 Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. 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. The Avenue of flags was recently donated by nine DAV auxiliary units and seven DAV chapters. 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 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.

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The Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery is one of two state-operated veterans cemeteries. A second cemetery, the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia is located in Amelia. A third cemetery, located in Dublin, is in the early phase of construction. The cemeteries are operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services.

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