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Major General Tony L. Corwin, USMC (Retired) to speak at Memorial Day Ceremony

RICHMOND—Major General Tony L. Corwin, USMC (Retired) will be the guest speaker for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., May 31, 2010. The cemetery is located at 10300 Pridesville Road in Amelia.

Major General Corwin's distinguished military career includes deployments to Iraq during the first Gulf War and to Liberia. As Major General, he served as the Director of Expeditionary Warfare, OPNAV N75. Following his retirement from the military, he joined the law firm of Blank and Rome where he serves as a Senior Principle and as the lead for defense and national security issues in the Government Relations Practice Group working directly with Congress and the Department of Defense.

The Memorial Day Ceremony is sponsored by the Virginia Mid-Atlantic Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America. 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, 75 flags will be erected along the perimeter road, 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

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.

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

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