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WAVY News Anchor Kerri Furey to speak at Memorial Day ceremony

SUFFOLK—WAVY news anchor Kerri Furey 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 31, 2010. The cemetery is located at 5310 Milners Road in Suffolk.

Furey anchors the highest rated morning show in the Hampton Road area. She began her broadcasting career as an enlisted sailor in the U.S. Navy.

Senator Louise Lucas also will speak. She has represented the 18th district since 1992. Senator Lucas serves as President/CEO of Lucas Lodge, Lucas Transportation, Portsmouth Day Support Program, and Southside Direct Care Provider organizations operating in the Lucas Professional Center located in Portsmouth.

The Memorial Day Ceremony is sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans Portsmouth Federal Chapter 22. 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.

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 under construction. The cemeteries are operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services.

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