May 22, 2018

VA to Dedicate Pikes Peak National Cemetery

What: The Department of Veterans Affairs will formally dedicate the Pikes Peak National Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2018 at the new national cemetery. The ceremony will include remarks by VA and elected officials, the unveiling of the dedication plaque and military honors. The ceremony is open to the public.

Who: Speakers will include:
- Keynote speech by Under Secretary of Memorial Affairs Randy Reeves
- Pikes Peak National Cemetery Director Paul LaGrange
- Master of Ceremonies, Dianne Derby, KKTV
- Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-5th District)

Participation will include:
- Fort Carson 4th Infantry Division Band – Musical Prelude
- NORAD and U.S. Northern Command Joint Color Guard— Presentation of Colors
- Fort Carson, 1st Stryker Brigade, 4th Infantry Division—Rifle Salute
- SSG Luis Ortiz, Fort Carson 4th Infantry Division—Taps
- Roger Rahill, Chaplain Denver VAMC—Prayer of Dedication
- Walter Jones, Pikes Peak National Cemetery Committee – Pledge of Allegiance

When: Friday, May 25, 2018 at 11 a.m. (pre-ceremony activities beginning at 10 a.m.)

Where: Pikes Peak National Cemetery, 10545 Drennan Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Parking: Parking for the general public is available onsite but carpooling is encouraged. *Mobility impaired users with handicap tags will have special parking.
**Media parking is available on-site, but must check in upon arrival

VA will offer the media opportunities to:
- Promote the important public event.
- Explain how to arrange burial in a national cemetery.
- Explain eligibility for Veterans, spouses and family members.
- Attend the ceremony rehearsal.
- Interview dedication ceremony participants and attendees.
- Showcase employment opportunities.

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