



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

Fargo National Cemetery  
8709 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, County Road 20  
Harwood, ND 58042

## Media Advisory

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### Fargo National Cemetery Dedication Ceremony

**What:** The Department of Veterans Affairs will formally dedicate Fargo National Cemetery and provide an opportunity for Veterans, families, and community members to see the site, the first national cemetery to open in the state of North Dakota, and pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the Veterans it honors. The ceremony will include remarks by VA and elected officials, the unveiling of a dedication plaque, and military honors. **The ceremony is open to the public.**

**Who:** Speakers will include:

- Keynote speech by Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Randy Reeves
- Governor Doug Burgum
- U.S. Senator John Hoeven
- U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer
- U.S. Representative Collin Peterson (MN-7)

Participation will include:

- Red River Valley Concert Band – Musical performance
- United Patriotic Bodies – Presentation of Colors and Rifle Salute
- VFW of North Dakota Commander, Dave Rice – Master of Ceremonies
- Fargo VA Medical Center Chaplain Obie Madison and Spiritual Chaplain Willard Yellowbird – Invocation and Prayer of Dedication
- Mr. Joe Vene – National Anthem
- Mr. Konrad Olson – Taps

**When:** Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 11 a.m.

**Where:** Fargo National Cemetery  
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**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

#### Media Opportunities:

- Ceremony Coverage – Interview Participants and Attendees
- Explain Eligibility for Veterans, Spouses and Family Members
- Explain How to Arrange Burial in the new National Cemetery
- Highlight Women Veterans and their eligibility

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