

Keynote Speaker General Dan K. McNeill, US Army, Retired

A native of Warsaw, North Carolina, General McNeill graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1968. His joint experience includes tours as Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, 82d Airborne Division during OPERATION JUST CAUSE in Panama and OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM in Southwest Asia. His command assignments include: Commanding General, 82d Airborne Division; Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps; Commanding General, Combined Joint Task Force 180, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM Afghanistan; Commanding General, US Army Forces Command; and, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Afghanistan.

He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College.

His decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (OLC), the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (4 OLC), and the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC). His badges include the Army Aviator Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Special Forces Tab.

He is married to the former Maureen Flanagan, and they have one son, Dan, Jr.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 28, 2018 10:00 AM

Freedom Memorial Park Fayetteville, NC

"Memorial Day Remembrance"

May 28, 2018

We come together today to remember the fallen and to acknowledge the sacrifices they made to keep our nation safe and secure since its founding to the current Global War on Terrorism.

We know their war stories and see the medals they wore proving their tenacity, courage, strength, and skill who on the rough seas and hostile beaches, in steaming jungles and mud-filled valleys, on snow-capped mountains and in rubble-strewn cities, suffered and died for all of us. It is time for all of America to realize that much of our best blood has been spilled all over the world so that we might live free and unchained!

Today, we dedicate a new monument, the Global War on Terrorism Memorial, in remembrance of those who were taken from us in an act of terrorism and war against the United States of America. The attacks upon us are proof that we, the people, and our nation are all vulnerable and that we must be eternally vigilant and militarily strong. We must never forget!

The Global War on Terrorism Memorial monuments and plaza were made possible with major funding from members of the Cape Fear Chapter, Military Officers Association of America. We sincerely appreciate their consideration and sense of community support.

Don Talbot, Chairman Freedom Memorial Park Steering Committee www.freedommemorialpark.org

"Call out our names and we shall live forever!"

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PROGRAM

Posting of the Colors

Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company Major Daws, Commanding

Invocation

Chaplain (LTC) Timothy Atkinson, US Army, Retired

National Anthem

Ms. Patsy Brown

Toast to the Flag

Paul Monroe, Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company

Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag

Chairman Don Talbot

God Bless America

Ms. Patsy Brown

Missing Man Table Presentation

Chapter One, Rolling Thunder

Memorial Day Proclamation

City of Fayetteville

Guest Speaker

General Dan K. McNeill

Dedication of Global War on Terrorism Monument

Wreath Presentations

World War I Memorial

Cardinal Gibbons Assembly and Chaplain Watters Assembly, Knights of Columbus

World War II Memorial

Fayetteville Light Infantry Company

Korean War Memorial

Sergeants Major Association

Vietnam War Memorial

Chapter One, Rolling Thunder

Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Memorial

Fort Bragg Chapter 2226, Military Order of the Purple Heart

Freedom Memorial Park Great Seal Memorial

173rd Regimental Combat Team (Airborne) Association

Global War on Terrorism Memorial

Cape Fear Chapter, Military Officers Association of America

All Services Dedication Memorial

General Dan K. McNeill and the Cumberland County Veterans Council

Amazing Grace

Pipe Sergeant Doug Elwell, Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company

Benediction

Rev. Kyle Sledge

Rendering of Honors

Honor Guard from Fort Bragg, NC

Taps

Bugler, 82nd Airborne Division Band