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Veterans Affairs Medical Center to Honor Fallen Heroes *Community invited to commemoration*

OMAHA, Neb. May 20, 2015 — The Seventh Annual Memorial Day Commemoration will be held at 4 p.m. May 22 at the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System medical center main flag pole at 4101 Woolworth Ave, Omaha, Neb.

The event is to honor America's fallen heroes who served in the U.S. armed forces.

This year's keynote speaker is Rear Adm. Daryl L. Caudle, deputy commander, JFCC-Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command. Additional speakers include Rep. Brad Ashford, (D-NE), District 2, Nebraska; and B. Don Burman, director, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System.

The event includes music by the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band Offutt Brass, a color guard by American Legion Post 1 and the VA Police ceremonial honor guard.

The event will culminate with the laying of memorial wreaths, playing of taps and a formal retreat ceremony.

The community is encouraged to attend.

MEDIA NOTE: News media interested in covering this event should contact the VA public affairs office at 402-995-4719 or e-mail william.ackerman@va.gov.

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About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

The VA NWIHCS is a Joint Commission-accredited, level-1c facility, which consists of a tertiary medical center in Omaha, Neb., and two larger clinics in Lincoln and Grand Island – which includes a community living center – five community-based outpatient clinics (CBOC) and one contract clinic. VA NWIHCS is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23), which serves an estimated veteran population of 161,000 in 101 counties in Nebraska, western Iowa, Kansas and Missouri with an estimated 593,000 annual outpatient visits, and an operating budget of \$334 million as of October 2014.

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