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NEBRASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD TO EXPAND ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE TO 136 STATE CEMETERIES

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LINCOLN, Neb. -- Two Nebraska Air National Guard KC-135R Stratotanker crews will conduct aerial salutes over 136 Nebraska cemeteries, May 25, when the Nebraska Air Guard's 155th Air Refueling Wing conducts its annual Memorial Day commemoration.

According to Col. Rick Evans, commander of the Lincoln-based 155th ARW, the organization will be using two aircraft this year, the largest Memorial Day effort in several years.

"Over the past few years, organizational commitments to the Global War on Terror and on-going inspections have limited our effort to a single aircraft," said Evans. "This year, by flying two aircraft, we will be able to increase the range of our salutes while still supporting several major commitments at Lincoln's Memorial and Wyuka Cemeteries and Omaha's Forest Lawn and Westlawn-Hillcrest Cemeteries."

Along with the Omaha and Lincoln salutes, the two volunteer tanker crews will also be conducting flybys of Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Grand Island Cemetery and Grand Island's Veterans Memorial, as well as similar salutes in North Platte, Kearney, Fremont, Holdrege, Norfolk, Schuyler and Seward. Also of note is that a flyover is planned for Paxton, marking the first time the Guard has ventured into the Mountain Time Zone on Memorial Day.

The Nebraska Air Guard has conducted Memorial Day flyovers since the 1970s, with Evans planning all of the events held since 1987. The unit did not plan to fly in 1994 during its conversion from the RF-4C Phantom to the KC-135 Stratotanker. "There have also been a couple of years bad weather kept us from flying," said Evans.

Evans said the unit is proud to continue its tradition of saluting the state's veterans. That feeling is magnified considering the nature of current combat missions overseas by members of the Nebraska Air and Army National Guard.

"The Nebraska Air National Guard is honored to pay tribute to the many brave Americans who have served and continue to serve their country so well," said Evans.

"These flyovers salute their courage and sacrifice in the face of danger," he added. Evans also noted that these flyovers salute the communities who have supported their hometown military members serving in times of war and peace."

A complete list can be found at www.neguard.com

<u>REF</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	ALBION	10:52 AM
2	ALDA	11:38 AM
3	AMHERST	11:28 AM
4	ANSLEY	11:17 AM
5	ARLINGTON	11:14 AM
6	ARNOLD	10:28 AM
7	ASHLAND	9:52 AM
8	ASHTON	10:44 AM
9	BEATRICE	9:12 AM
10	BEAVER CROSSING	9:11 AM
11	BEE	9:41 AM
12	BERTRAND	9:44 AM
13	BLADEN	9:31 AM
14	BLAIR	10:05 AM
15	BLUE HILL	9:29 AM
16	BROKEN BOW	10:34 AM
17	BURWELL	11:06 AM
18	CAMPBELL	9:32 AM
19	CEDAR CREEK	9:55 AM
20	CHAPMAN	11:43 AM
21	CLAY CENTER	9:21 AM
22	COLERIDGE	10:33 AM
23	COLUMBUS	11:02 AM
24	COOK	9:21 AM
25	CORDOVA	9:12 AM
26	CUMRO	11:20 AM
27	DENTON	11:32 AM
28	DEWEESE	9:24 AM
29	DWIGHT	11:57 AM
30	EAGLE	11:26 AM
31	EDDYVILLE	11:22 AM
32	ELK CITY	11:16 AM
33	ELKHORN	11:17 AM
34	ELMWOOD	11:25 AM
35	ELWOOD	9:46 AM
36	EMERSON	10:21 AM
37	ERICSON	11:01 AM
38	EUSTIS	9:49 AM
39	EXETER	9:14 AM
40	FAIRFIELD	9:23 AM
41	FAIRMONT	9:15 AM
42	FARNAM	9:52 AM
43	FARWELL	10:47 AM
44	FORT CALHOUN	10:03 AM
45	FORT MCPHERSON CEM	9:58 AM
46	FREMONT	11:12 AM
47	FULLERTON	10:55 AM
48	GARLAND	9:06 AM
49	GENOA	10:58 AM
50	GIBBON	11:33 AM
51	GOEHNER	9:09 AM

52	GRAFTON	9:17 AM
53	GRAND ISLAND CEM	11:40 AM
54	GRAND ISLAND VETS MEM	11:41 AM
55	GRETNA	11:20 AM
56	HALLAM	9:07 AM
57	HERSHEY	10:05 AM
58	HILDRETH	9:36 AM
59	HOLDREGE	9:40 AM
60	HORDVILLE	11:47 AM
61	HUBBARD	10:23 AM
62	ITHACA	9:49 AM
63	JACKSON	10:25 AM
64	KEARNEY	11:31 AM
65	LAWRENCE	9:26 AM
66	LEWISTON	9:16 AM
67	LINCOLN MEMORIAL CEM	11:30 AM
68	LINCOLN WYUKA CEM	9:30 AM
69	LOOMIS	9:42 AM
70	LOUISVILLE	9:55 AM
71	LOUP CITY	10:42 AM
72	MADISON	10:45 AM
73	MALCOLM	12:00 PM
74	MARTELL	9:06 AM
75	MARTINSBURG	10:28 AM
76	MILFORD	9:35 AM
77	MILLER	11:25 AM
78	MURDOCK	11:24 AM
79	NEWMAN GROVE	10:49 AM
80	NORFOLK	10:42 AM
81	NORTH BEND	11:09 AM
82	NORTH PLATTE	10:01 AM
83	OMAHA FOREST LAWN CEM	10:01 AM
84	OMAHA WESTLAWN CEM	10:00 AM
85	PALMER	10:51 AM
86	PALMYRA	9:26 AM
87	PAPILLION	9:58 AM
88	PAXTON	9:09 AM
89	PENDER	10:18 AM
90	PICKRELL	9:10 AM
91	PIERCE	10:39 AM
92	PLEASANT DALE	9:33 AM
93	POLK	11:48 AM
94	RALSTON	9:59 AM
95	RANDOLPH	10:35 AM
96	RICHFIELD	9:57 AM
97	RIVERDALE	11:29 AM
98	ROSEMONT	9:27 AM
99	SACRAMENTO	9:39 AM
100	SARGENT	11:11 AM
101	SARONVILLE	9:19 AM
102	SCHUYLER	11:06 AM
103	SEWARD	9:07 AM
104	SHELTON	11:35 AM

105	SMITHFIELD	9:45 AM
106	SOUTH BEND	11:22 AM
107	SPALDING	10:57 AM
108	ST PAUL	10:48 AM
109	STAPLEHURST	9:40 AM
110	STAPLETON	10:24 AM
111	STROMSBERG	11:50 AM
112	SUMNER	11:24 AM
113	SURPRISE	11:54 AM
114	SUTHERLAND	10:06 AM
115	SUTTON	9:19 AM
116	SYRACUSE	9:23 AM
117	TAMORA	9:38 AM
118	TECUMSEH	9:19 AM
119	TELBASTA	10:08 AM
120	TOUHY	9:45 AM
121	TRYON	10:19 AM
122	UEHLING	10:11 AM
123	ULYSSES	11:55 AM
124	UNADILLA	9:25 AM
125	UPLAND	9:34 AM
126	VALPARAISO	9:44 AM
127	VERONA	9:20 AM
128	VIRGINIA	9:14 AM
129	WAHOO	9:48 AM
130	WEISSERT	11:14 AM
131	WEST POINT	10:14 AM
132	WESTERVILLE	10:37 AM
133	WESTON	9:46 AM
134	WILCOX	9:38 AM
135	WINSLOW	10:10 AM
136	WOOD RIVER	11:37 AM