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**Texas National  
Cemetery Foundation**

*PROUDLY PRESENTS THE*

**MEMORIAL DAY  
CEREMONY**



**Monday, May 26, 2025  
11:00 AM**

*at*

**Dallas-Fort Worth  
National Cemetery**



**Colonel Michael  
P. Brennan**

**Commanding  
Officer**

**Marine Aircraft  
Group 41**

Colonel Brennan enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in May of 1997, and graduated MCRD San Diego in 1997. Lance Corporal Brennan was assigned to MAG 41, aboard NAS/JRB Fort Worth, TX, as an embarkation specialist.

He attended Officer Candidate School in May of 1998, and received his commission from Texas A&M University. Following graduation from The Basic School in October of 1999, Lieutenant Brennan attended flight training, earning his wings at NAS Kingsville in 2001.

1stLt Brennan was assigned to VMFA-251 at MCAS Beaufort, SC from 2003 to 2007.

Captain Brennan was transferred to VMFA-112, at NAS/JRB Fort Worth, TX to serve on the Inspector and Instructor Staff, and serve as a MAG-41 Casualty Assistance Calls Officer, from

**About the Foundation**

Texas National Cemetery Foundation, Inc. (TNCF), is a 501 (C) (3) corporation, whose sole purpose is to provide direct support to the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. It serves in a liaison capacity providing immediate access to military, civilian, and various government organizations and agencies. It is able to bridge funding for non-government-provided amenities enhancing operations at the cemetery. Their special events sponsorships include but are not limited to Memorial and Veterans day events. Their broad based resources and the vast knowledge their supporters possess are readily available to the cemetery staff. The schedule for the display of the Avenue of Flags can be found on the foundation website calendar.

**The Avenue of Flags extension has been approved. Contact us via email with questions regarding the Avenue of Flag sponsorships and event financial support. Our e-mail address is:**

**[ops@tncf.org](mailto:ops@tncf.org)**

**Volunteers**

Volunteers who staff the Public Information Center (PIC) provide assistance and directions to visitors as well as coordinate the flow of services throughout the day. We currently have openings for persons interested in volunteering; where we offer two shifts 8-12 noon or 12-4pm. If you might be interested in serving as a volunteer, Loyce Engler-Houston, Scheduler of PIC Volunteers can be reached at 817-797-5381 or [laengler@att.net](mailto:laengler@att.net). Information and applications are also available our website, [www.tnCF.org](http://www.tnCF.org)

## **Message from the Director and Staff**

On behalf of the Director and staff, we thank you for joining us in our solemn remembrance of our nation's Veterans, particularly those who made the supreme sacrifice. The Dallas-Fort Worth community's unwavering generosity has been instrumental in the flourishing of this sacred place, and we express our profound gratitude to our dedicated volunteers for their tireless service. It is through your commitment, coupled with the vital work of the Texas National Cemetery Foundation, that we are able to provide essential services daily and host significant memorial observances such as this.

As you walk these hallowed grounds today, remember that each headstone and marker represents a profound act of faith—the belief that our lives and liberties are worth defending. We respectfully ask for your continued care and support in maintaining this National Shrine, a constant reminder of their profound dedication to our country.

## **About Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery**

Established in May 2000, encompassing 638 acres, the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery is currently undergoing significant enhancements. These include the addition of 10,000 columbarium niches, 23,000 new gravesites, and a new shelter, facilitated by three separate contracts. Since its opening, the cemetery has honored the service of approximately 93,000 Veterans and eligible dependents, including numerous individuals who served in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Ultimately, this National Cemetery will provide a final resting place for 280,000 eligible Veterans and their families.



**Major Brennan was selected to attend Air Force Command and Staff College aboard Maxwell AFB.**

**In 2011 Major Brennan was assigned to VMFA-323 where he held billets as the Operations Officer, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN Operations Officer, and the Executive Officer.**

**Major Brennan was assigned to Headquarter Marine Corps Aviation in 2015. He also completed an Individual Augment assignment to US Central Command as the Joint Operations Center Team Chief.**

**In 2016 LtCol Brennan was assigned as the Commanding Officer of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122.**

**Following Command LtCol Brennan was assigned as the Executive Officer of MAG-31, and was subsequently selected to attend the Marine Corps War College.**

**Upon graduation from USMC War College in 2019 he was assigned to the Joint Staff as a Presidential Nuclear Strike Advisor and Assistant Deputy Director of Operations for Operations Team 4 at the Pentagon.**

**Col Brennan was most recently assigned as the 3d Marine Expeditionary**

**Brigade G-3, and Task Force 76/3 L-3. As part of III MEF and 7th**

## PROGRAM

Prelude Music..... 1st Cavalry Division Band Brass Quintet  
SGT Brian Bull, Commander

Call to Order ..... Brig.Gen. Patrick X. Mordente,  
USAF (Ret)  
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation..... Lt Earl Wilson III  
NAS Fort Worth JRB Staff Chaplain

Presentation of Colors.....Joint Color Guard  
NAS Fort Worth JRB

Pledge of Allegiance ..... Cadet 2nd Lt. Joshua Rosenfeld  
Nighthawk Composite Squadron  
Cadet Commander, Civil Air Patrol

*Star Spangled Banner* ..... Linda Renfro

Fly Over.....VMFA-112. MAG 41  
NAS Fort Worth JRB

Introduction of Distinguished Guests..... Brig. Gen. Mordente

*Theme from The Pacific*..... Band

Greeting.....David Van Meter  
Director, Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

*Music*..... Midlothian High School Choir  
Matthew Fisk, Director

*God Bless America* ..... Band

Memorial Day Address..... Colonel Michael P, Brennan  
Commanding Officer  
Marine Aircraft Group-41 (MAG-41)

Presentation ..... Senior Chief Poplin  
Chairman, Texas National Cemetery Foundation

Wreath & Flag Placement ..... Texas National Cemetery  
Foundation Ceremonial Guard  
Bobby Donahoo, Commanding

Bagpiper ..... Steve Pruitt

Reading the Names of KIA Interred  
At DFW National Cemetery ..... Bobby Donahoo

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save* .....1st Cavalry Division Band

Rose Placement..... TNCF Ceremonial Guard

Cannon Salute..... 2D Battalion, 14th Marines

Taps.....1st Cavalry Division Band  
SGT Bull, Specialist

Benediction.....Lt, Earl Wilson III  
NAS Fort Worth JRB Staff Chaplain

Postlude Music..... Band

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