

**TEXAS NATIONAL
CEMETERY FOUNDATION
VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**



**DALLAS - FORT WORTH
NATIONAL CEMETERY**

**Saturday, 11:00 AM
November 11, 2023**



Major General Craig Q. Timberlake

Major General Timberlake enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 1977. He was meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant on 2 January 1982, commissioned through the Enlisted Commissioning Program in August 1984, and graduated from Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia via the College Degree Completion Program in 1989.

Assignments in the Operating Forces include: Rifle Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer, and Company Commander, 2d Battalion, 6th Marines; Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer, BLT 1/1, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC); Regimental Operations Officer, 1st Marines; Inspector and Instructor, 3d Battalion, 23d Marines; Chief of Staff, III Marine Expeditionary Force; Deputy Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force and Commanding General, 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade; Deputy Commander, Regional Command North, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Afghanistan; and Commanding General Third Marine Division (CALTRAP NATION) Okinawa, Japan.

Assignments in the Supporting Establishment include: Senior Drill Instructor, MCRD, San Diego; Plt Sgt and

PTI, OCS, Quantico, VA; Platoon Commander, Executive Officer, and Company Commander, Officer Candidates School; and Commanding Officer, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, MCRD Parris Island.

Headquarters and Staff assignments include Action Officer, Manpower Equal Opportunity Branch; Section Head, Manpower Military Policy Branch, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; South East Asia Plans Officer, Executive Assistant to the J5, and Deputy J54, U.S. Pacific Command; and Director, Manpower Management Division.

Military Education: Recruit Training, MCRD San Diego; DI School; Amphibious Warfare School; Marine Corps Command and Staff College; Naval War College; Joint Forces Staff College; and Capstone. He has been awarded a Master of Arts in Military Studies and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Major General Timberlake retired from active duty on 1 October 2018. He is married to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Belinda Vasquez-Timberlake, United States Marine Corps, Retired. They currently reside in New Braunfels, Texas with their daughters Kyra and Kalea.

Major General Timberlake has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal with bronze star in lieu of second award.

Major General Timberlake is the Chief of Student Leadership Development for the International Leadership of Texas (ILTexas). ILTexas is a public charter school that has over twenty-three thousand students spread over 22 campuses throughout central Texas.

PROGRAM

Prelude Music

Call to OrderCommander Julius Graw, USN (Ret)
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation LCDR Brad Spear
NAS Fort Worth JRB Chaplain

Presentation of Colors Joint Color Guard
NAS Fort Worth JRB

Pledge of Allegiance Cadet 2nd Lt. Benjamin Strabala
Nighthawk Composite Squadron
Deputy Commander Operations
Civil Air Patrol, USAFA

Star Spangled Banner Linda Renfro

Fly Over VMFA-112
Marine Aircraft Group 41, NAS JRB Fort Worth

Introduction of Distinguished Guests..... CDR Graw

MusicMidlothian High School Choir
Matthew Fisk, Director

Cemetery Greeting.....Joseph Griner
Assistant Director in Training
Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

MusicMidlothian High School Choir

**Address.....Major General Craig Q. Timberlake
USMC Retired**

**Presentation..... Senior Chief Poplin
Director Operations, Texas National Cemetery Foundation**

VETERAN TRIBUTE

Armed Forces Salute

**Honorary Branch Wreath Placement
Texas National Cemetery Foundation Ceremonial Guard**

**Rifle Salute Marine Aircraft Group 41
NAS Fort Worth JRB**

**TapsSgt. Bryan Bull
1st Cavalry Division Band Bugler, Ft Hood**

Benediction Chaplain Spear

Postlude Music

Thank You!

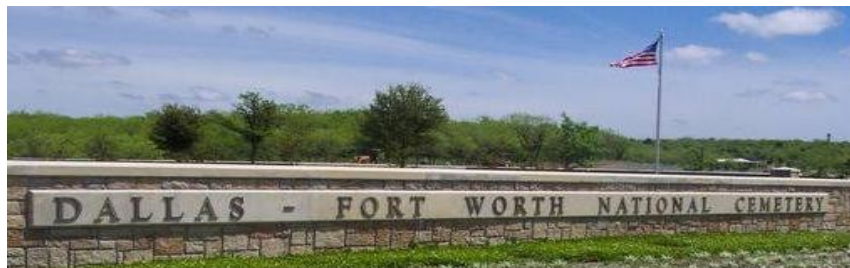
Message from the Director and Staff

The Director and staff thank you for joining us in honoring our Nation's Veterans, many of whom paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Dallas-Fort Worth community has given selflessly towards the success of this cemetery and for that we thank all of our volunteers for their dedication and continued service. It has been with your hard work and the efforts of the Texas National Cemetery Foundation that we have been able to provide the services we do, not only on a daily basis but also for memorial events such as this.

These are hallowed grounds that you visit today; every headstone represents an individual who believed that our lives and our freedoms were worth the sacrifice. These men and women should be honored and respected for their sacrifices and we ask that you continue to care for and support our efforts in maintaining these grounds as a National Shrine, a reminder of their dedication to our country.

Cemetery Facts

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery opened in May of 2000 with 638 acres in total, and not all acres are developed. The cemetery conducts over 5000 interments of Veterans and eligible dependents per year and this is rising. The DFWNC is rated the 3rd busiest national cemetery in the country. There are veterans from every war era and conflict from WW 1 through today resting in this National Shrine.



Texas National Cemetery Foundation Mission Statement

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 are under complete control and/or direction of DFWNC and 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. All volunteers serve as non compensated employees of the VA under the supervision of TNCF but under management/control of DFWNC. The schedule for the display of the Avenue of Flags can be found on the foundation web site.

Federal law prohibits fundraising on cemetery property. Please help TNCF comply with this law by contacting them off property for questions regarding the Avenue of Flag sponsorships and event financial support. The e-mail address is:

ops@tncf.org

Volunteers

TNCF 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 on Saturdays, where we offer 2 shifts: 8-12noon or 12-4pm. If you might be interested in this capacity, Mrs. Mickie Prendergast serves as the TNCF Director of Volunteers and can be reached at 214.202.1902. Information and applications completed on our website, www.tncf.org are appreciated.

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And we are grateful to YOU for attending

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