

**TEXAS NATIONAL  
CEMETERY FOUNDATION  
VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**



**DALLAS - FORT WORTH  
NATIONAL CEMETERY**

**Monday, 11:00 AM  
November 11, 2024**



**Captain  
Beau Hufstetler  
Commanding Officer  
NAS JRB  
Fort Worth, Texas**

Captain Hufstetler is a native of Canton, Ohio. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He also holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

After earning his Naval Aviator wings at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi in 2003, he joined the “Fighting Tigers” of VP-8 at NAS Brunswick, ME from 2003-2007, where he served as P-3 Mission Commander and Instructor Pilot and led Combat Aircrew One on multiple deployments and detachments around the globe. Following that tour, Hufstetler was selected for Instructor Pilot duty with the “Wise Owls” of VT-31 based at NAS Corpus Christi, TX. While there, he qualified in all 13 phases of instruction for the diverse multi-service, multinational student cadre

while performing duties as Pilot Training and Standardization Officer. In December 2009, he joined the “Lonestar Express” of VR-59 at NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX where he flew the C-40A executing intra-theater airlift support for naval units around the world.

His staff assignments included tours as the C-40A Fleet NATOPS Evaluator Pilot with the Fleet Logistics Support Wing from 2013-2014, Operations Program Manager with Commander, Naval Air Force Reserve from 2015-2018, and most recently the PERS-46 Senior Aviation Detailer with Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN from 2021-2023.

Captain Hufstetler served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the “Globemasters” of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 56 at NAS Oceana, VA from 2018-2021. He assumed duties as Commanding Officer of NAS Fort Worth JRB, TX in November 2023.

Captain Hufstetler has accumulated more than 4,000 flight hours in numerous aircraft. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various unit and campaign awards.

# **PROGRAM**

## **Prelude Music**

**Call to Order ..... Brigadier General Patrick X. Mordente  
USAF (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. Joshua Rosenfeld  
Nighthawk Composite Squadron  
Flight Commander  
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..... General Mordente**

**“America, My Home” ..... Midlothian High School Choir  
Paul Langford Matthew Fisk, Director**

**Introduction of David Van Meter .....  
Roshanda Griffin, Assistant Director  
Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery**

**“Who Are the Brave” .....Choir  
Joseph Martin**

**Address ..... Captain Beau Hufstetler  
Commanding Officer NAS JRB Ft. Worth**

**Presentations..... 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**

**Taps ..... 1st Cavalry Division Band Bugler**

**Benediction .....Chaplain Spear**

**Postlude Music**

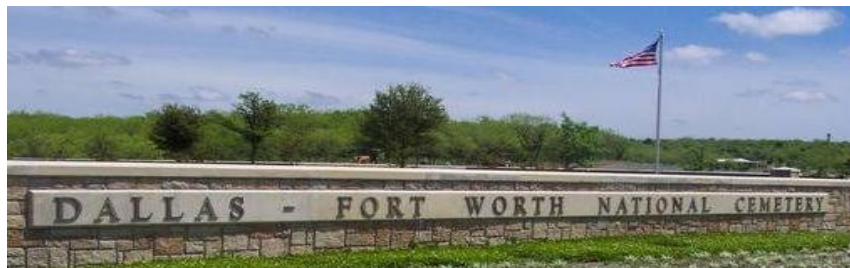
## **Message from the Director and Staff**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

TNCF is always in need of funding to support our Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Program. If you are interested in helping please send inquires to:

**[funding@tncf.org](mailto:funding@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.tn cf.org](http://www.tn cf.org) are appreciated.

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**And we are grateful to YOU for attending**

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