

# Great Lakes National Cemetery

## Advisory Council

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### MISSION:

To serve the veterans and their eligible family members in providing a national shrine for burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI

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## CEREMONY HONORS FALLEN VETERANS

Holly, Michigan – A crowd of several thousand veterans, families, friends and the general public are expected to attend a Memorial Day Ceremony honoring deceased veterans interred at the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

The Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly will host the 20<sup>th</sup> annual observance, set for **1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. The ceremony is hosted by the NCOA Chapter 1500. The keynote speaker is Paul R. DeSander, US Army Reserve Ambassador for the State of Michigan, Retired.

VFW Post 822 from Flint, Michigan will perform a rifle salute during the ceremony. Taps will also be played.

The Great Lakes National Cemetery is one of two such National Shrines in Michigan. Opened for burials in 2005, the cemetery's 544 acres will be the final resting place for an estimated 244,000 veterans and their dependents. Thus far, over 68,000 veterans and dependents have been interred at the site.

Sunday's ceremony is one of a multitude across the area and the nation. The Memorial Day Ceremony is a great opportunity to honor our deceased veterans, many of whom gave their lives to secure our freedom.

The Great Lakes National Cemetery is located at 4200 Belford Rd. in Holly, Michigan. **Offsite parking and shuttle service will be located at Henry Ford Genesys Hospital, 1 Genesys Parkway, Grand Blanc. The shuttles will begin running at 11:00 a.m.** If you have any questions about this ceremony, please e-mail:

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