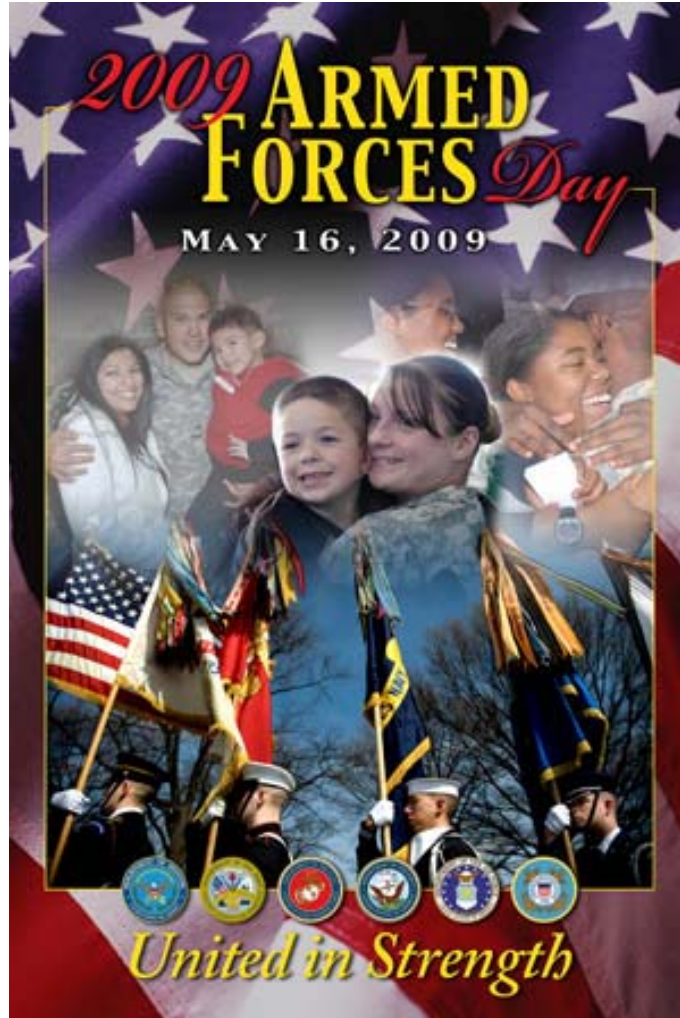


Welcome
2009 Armed Forces Day Luncheon
“United in Strength”



History of Armed Forces Day

This is simply a day to salute sharply to all of the men and women in all branches of the service who protect our country and you. They can be called upon at a moment's notice to perform a risky and perilous mission for freedom and country. They train diligently both physically and mentally so they will be prepared to prevail in any mission they face.

Just how did it all begin? Well, each branch of the military had their own day of celebration. But, on Aug. 31, 1949, then Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day. President Harry Truman also announced the holiday in a presidential proclamation on Feb. 20, 1950. All branches of the military were asked to celebrate on this day and they complied on the first Armed Forces Day, which was held the following year on May 20, 1950.

Today's speaker

CSM Dan Peterson

Rotarian and CSM Dan Peterson, Bowman, was mobilized in 2001 with both the Dickinson and Williston units and served as the company First Sergeant for a year in Iraq, in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



Shortly after his return from Iraq, he was promoted to Sergeant Major and assumed the duties as the Engineer Brigade Operations Sergeant Major for the 34th Infantry Division. He served with the 231st Brigade Support Battalion in Valley City and the 164th Engineer Battalion, the Battalion in which he began his career, in Minot. He is responsible for the morale and welfare of all the enlisted North Dakota Army National Guard soldiers west of the Missouri River, which includes one unit from Bismarck.

CSM Peterson began his career with the National Guard in 1986 and has received the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

When he returned from Iraq he bought half of the family construction business in Bowman. He was the project manager for the company that oversaw the construction of the West River Community Center.

CSM Peterson is married to Christine, a nurse practitioner in Bowman and a Major in the Medical Detachment Company in Bismarck. They are parents of two children, Tristen, 10 and Peyton, 6.

He past president of the Bowman Rotary Club and currently serves on the Bowman County School Board. He is also commander of the local American Legion Post #48.



May 13, 2009

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Welcome..... Glenice Hansen
President, Dickinson Rotary Club

Posting of ColorsHonor Guard
North Dakota Army National Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening SongFrank Pearson
Dickinson Rotary Club Pianist

InvocationFather Jim Braaten

Luncheon

Introduction of Speaker Steven Schneider

Speaker

Command Sergeant Major Dan Peterson

BenedictionFather Jim Braaten

Retiring of Colors Honor Guard
North Dakota Army National Guard



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