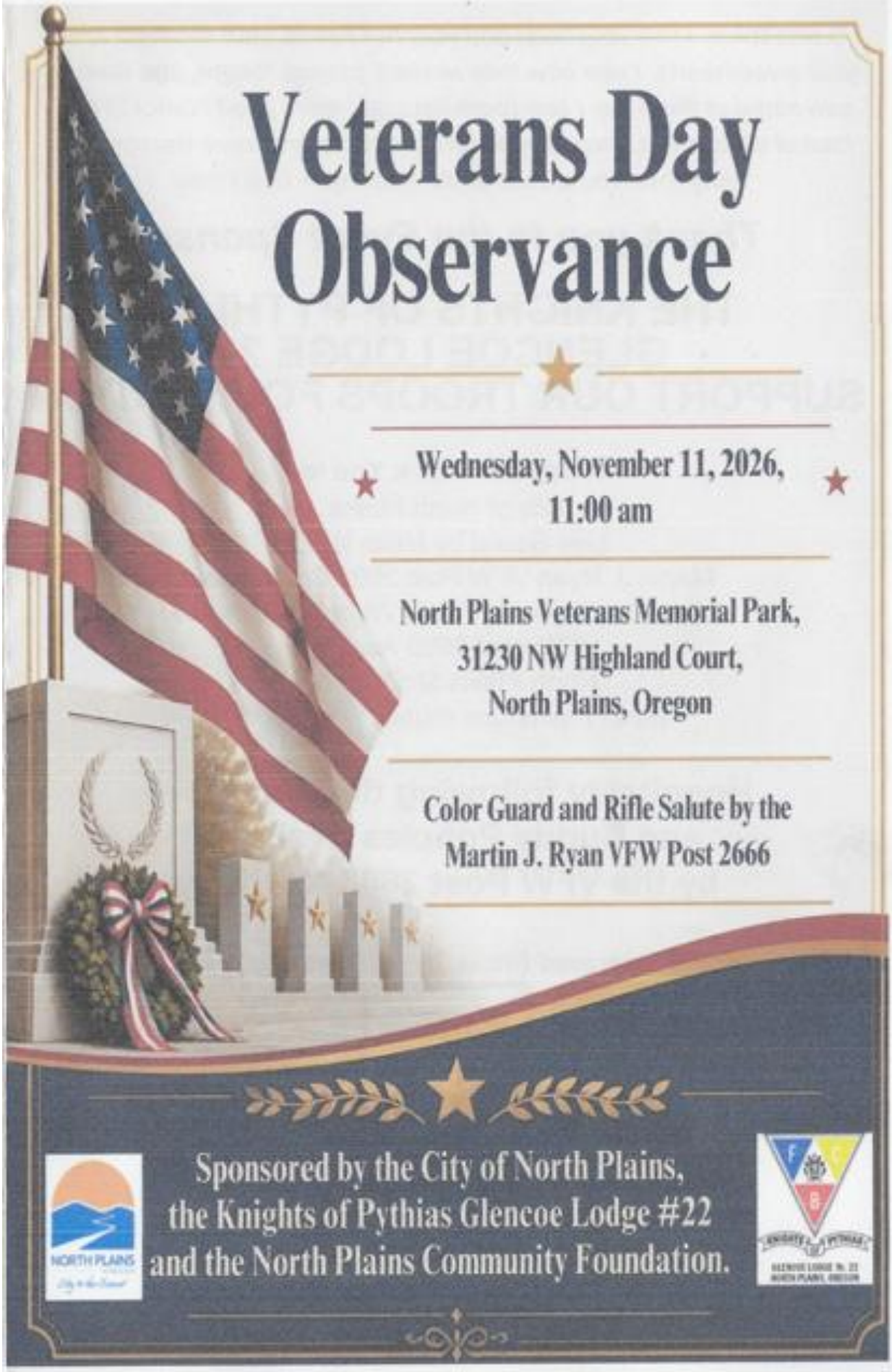

Veterans Day
Observance
Wednesday, November 11, 2026,
11:00 am
North Plains Veterans Memorial Park,
31230 NW Highland Court,
North Plains, Oregon
Color Guard and Rifle Salute by the
Martin J. Ryan VFW Post 2666
Sponsored by the City of North Plains,
the Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge #22
and the North Plains Community Foundation.

KIMBERLY MAUS

Vice President, North Plains Chamber of Commerce

Master of Ceremonies

MARTIN J. RYAN VFW POST 2666 COLOR GUARD

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

JULIE SCHLIPPERT

Soloist

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE MESSAGE

CINDY HIRST

US Army Veteran

Resident of North Plains

FEATURED SPEAKER

MATT BLANCAS

US Army, Retired

Resident of North Plains

SALUTE TO VETERANS

PRESENTATION TO VETERANS

RIFLE SALUTE AND "TAPS"

Martin J. Ryan VFW Post 2666 Color Guard

CLOSING SONG

GOD BLESS YOU ALL - VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

(words on the back page)

"I was there. I saw your sons and your husbands, your brothers and your sweethearts. I saw how they worked, played, fought, and lived. I saw some of them die. I saw more courage, more good humor in the face of discomfort, more love in an era of hate and more devotion to duty than could exist under tyranny." – Bob Hope

Thank you to the Event Sponsor

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS GLENCOE LODGE 22 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS FOUNDATION

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Live Sound by Mitch Ward
Martin J. Ryan VFW Post 2666 Color Guard
City of North Plains Public Works Employees
VFW Post 2666 Auxiliary
North Plains McDonald's
North Plains Community Foundation

Hospitality following the Ceremony and Buddy Poppies Available by the VFW Post 2666 Auxiliary

Engraved Bricks are still available.

Brick Order Form

North Plains Parks Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 182
North Plains, OR 97133

God Bless You All

There's a flag above the courthouse.
There's a star beside a wall.
There are pictures on the mantles
of the ones who never came home.
There were young men,
there were young women,
who left everything they knew,
With a promise to their country,
And a dream of coming through.

Some were barely past their childhood.
Some had families of their own.
Some stood watch in distant places.
Some made sacrifice alone.
And while America kept living
through the seasons, years, and all,
They were answering a higher call,
standing ready when we call.

God bless you all who answered when
your country called your name.
Who stood beneath our flag with pride
and served without a claim.
For every tear, for every scar.
For every dream put on the line.
For every soul who gave so much
to keep this country free and bright.
To those who came home changed forever
To those we still recall.
To every veteran, near and far.
God bless you all.

There were mothers watching doorways.
There were fathers hiding fears.
There were wives who kept on hoping
through the longest, hardest years.
There were children growing older,
with a photograph to hold.
Learning what it means to miss someone
before they're even grown.

Some came home to crowded welcomes.
Some came home without a sound.
Some still fight a war inside them,
though the guns have long died down.
And some bear wounds no eye can see.
Some carry names they can't let go.
But the courage that they gave this land
is more than most will ever know.

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To every veteran near and far.
God bless you all.

And if you see an older soldier
with a story left untold.
Or the young ones standing quietly
with a heart that's grown too old.
Don't just walk on by and thank them
as the world moves down the hall.
Look them in the eyes and let them know
we have not forgotten all.

For the freedom in our voices.
For the peace we sometimes take.
For the lives we build together.
And the choices we can make.
There are men and women we remember.
There are names beyond recall.
And a debt of love and gratitude
that belongs to one and all.

God bless you all who answered when
your country calls your name.
Who stood beneath our flag with pride
and served without a claim.
For every tear, for every scar.
For every dream put on the line.
For every life forever changed
so we could live with peace of mind.

To the fallen and the living.
To the brave who gave their all.
To the families who stood beside them,
we remember one and all.
May the flag fly ever proudly.
May their sacrifice mean more.
May we honor those who served us
long beyond this day of yours.
God bless you all. God bless you all.

You gave me more than words could ever say
and we are grateful every day.

May God bless you. May God bless you all.

Produced by Andy Bedford, a US Air Force Veteran who served as a meteorologist.

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NORTH PLAINS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

MAINTENANCE OF THE FLAG



Dedicated in November 2020, the North Plains Veterans Memorial Park celebrates our nation's heroes, as well as offering a place to relax and reflect. The 11,000 square foot park features a 100-foot flagpole with a 50×30-foot flag as the centerpiece with commemorative plaques honoring Veterans and POW's for their service and sacrifice.

The Flags receive a lot of wear and tear in the rain and wind and are mended until the Flag can no longer be used. A new flag costs about $2,800.

The North Plains Parks Foundation accepts donations of any size that are used specifically for the maintenance and purchase of the Flag.

Email: admin@npparksfoundation.org

North Plains Veterans Memorial Park Flag Donation

Make your donation with PayPal, Debit or Credit Card by Scanning the QR code.

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