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WyARNG hosts monthly memorial for veterans in August

CHEYENNE – A state-wide effort to help bring closure to families who lost a veteran began in June 2010 with monthly memorial services conducted by the Wyoming Army National Guard's Honor Guard Team, in partnership with the Wyoming Veterans Commission.

The next ceremony will be held in Casper, at the Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery, Aug. 31, at noon, with participation from the Natrona County United Veterans Council, other individual veterans, and the Wyoming Army National Guard Honor Guard. The public is encouraged to attend.

The goal is to provide military honors to a larger number of deserving Wyoming veterans.

The service opens with the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, the reading of the names of the Wyoming veterans who died during the month, a rifle volley, the playing of "Taps" and the folding of the U.S. flag.

The Wyoming Army National Guard provides free military honors for veterans' individual services; however, some veterans, for one reason or another, never receive the honors due.

Veterans' organizations interested participating in future services should contact the Wyoming Army National Guard's military funeral honors office at 307-772-5136.