



Veterans Memorial



STOKES-THOMAS CITY PARK
AUGUST 25, 2007





1st ANNIVERSARY OF VETERANS MEMORIAL
August 25, 2007 • 1400 Hours

All Rise for the raising of the U.S. Flag *(Presented by the VFW)*
Veterans and Color Guard *(Attention-Present Arms-Drum roll-Order Arms)*
Drummer Cadence Begins for the Posting of colors 5 color guards
National Guard, Marine Corps League, DAV, American Legion, and VFW
led by a drummer and pipe player Bill Dempsey
Detail-Forward March
Color Guard-Post Colors-Present Arms-Order Arms
Veterans and Color Guard-Present Arms
The National Anthem soloist AnnRae Herr
Accompanied by Mellisa VandeStrot
Pledge of Allegiance Boy Scout Troop 8
Order Arms
Invocation Rev. Bill Hamill, from Saint Dysmas Lutheran
at the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota
(A moment of silence for all POW's and MIA's yet to be accounted for.)
Please be seated

Introductions - by Ordean Bierman

(Please hold your applause as they will remain standing until all are introduced)

- World War II Army POW..... Harold Jensen
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #750 Commander Dwayne Mack
- American Legion Post #17 Commander Howard Ostlund
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter #6 Commander William Brandriet
- Marine Corps League Kampeska NE #1079..... Commander Joel Montgomery
- North Central Paralyzed Veterans of America Commander Joel Niemeyer
- 147th Field Artillery National Guard Major Bruce Carter
- Parks and Recreation Director Roger Adams
- Veterans Memorial Corporation..... LeRoy Anderson, Lynn Johnson,
Laurel Foss, J. Maurice Redmond, Ordean Bierman, and Richard Stricherz

The Battle Hymn of the Republic soloist AnnRae Herr

Introduction of the Mayor Paul Fox

Introduction of guest speakers

- Brigadier General Jake Krull..... Army National Guard Retired
- Brigadier General Ernie Edwards Army National Guard Retired
- POW Lee Bevers..... Army Air Corps Retired
- POW Ron Lebert..... Air Force Retired
- Lynn Johnson Memorial Enhancement Project
- Mike Davis..... Memorial General Contractor
- Dick Stricherz Dedication Proclamation

Final Announcements Ordean Bierman

God Bless America soloist Robbyn Givens

All Rise for the Closing Prayer..... Rev. Bill Hamill

Remain Standing for Taps and the Retirement of Colors

- Veterans Present Arms-Taps-(taps echo)-Order Arms-
- Color Guards-Retrieve Colors-Carry Colors-Left Wheel March

*We hope that you will take time to enjoy the Memorial
and the children's playground.*





I watched the flag pass by one day,
it fluttered in the breeze.

A young veteran saluted it,
and then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night
when everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play
and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen,"

When a flag had draped a coffin,
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea.

Of unmarked graves in Arlington
No, freedom isn't free.

Author Unknown

Name _____
 (Last) (First) (M.I.)

 (Branch of Service) (Dates of Service)

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