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## **Buckley AFB commander to speak at Highlands Ranch Veterans Day Celebration**

Residents are invited to honor local veterans and thank those that have served their country at the Highlands Ranch Veterans Day Celebration Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the James H. LaRue Library in Highlands Ranch.

9NEWS anchor TaRhonda Thomas will serve as master of ceremonies. Thomas is anchor of the 9NEWS weekend morning show, anchor of 9NEWS midday and reporter for the 9NEWS morning show team.

Col. David N. Miller, Jr., commander of the 460<sup>th</sup> Space Wing at Buckley Air Force Base, will be the keynote speaker. The wing delivers persistent global infrared surveillance, theater and strategic missile warning, and battlespace awareness for combatant commanders and national leadership. Prior to his current position, Col. Miller was the Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister's Office and the Iraqi Ministry of Interior.

The Highlands Ranch Veterans Day Celebration also features Highlands Ranch American Legion Post 1260, the Knights of Columbus Pax Christi Assembly 3353 and Highlands Ranch Concert Band. Local Scout Troop 873 will greet guests as they arrive and scout Owen Metz will lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early and visit the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument, located outside of the library, prior to the event. The James H. LaRue Library is located at 9292 S. Ridgeline Blvd., Highlands Ranch.

The Highlands Ranch Veterans Day Celebration is sponsored by Kneaders of Highlands Ranch. For more information about the event, visit [www.highlandsranch.org](http://www.highlandsranch.org) or call 303-791-0430.

### **About the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument**

The Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument story began in 2006 with a vision of people from the same community who were once strangers, now friends united in a common cause. These people, after reading of the death of Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Falkel, the first Highlands Ranch resident killed in action, wanted to pay tribute to Chris' sacrifice and to the sacrifice of his fellow veterans as well as active military members. They set out, sharing their goal to create a local veterans monument. After several years of planning and construction, the monument was dedicated July 1, 2009. People of all ages can learn about their friends' and family members' sacrifices and service to our nation with a visit to a monument dedicated to sharing that history. For more information, visit the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument website at [www.hrvets.org](http://www.hrvets.org).

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