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**Honor veterans at Highlands Ranch Memorial Day Service**

The community is invited to attend a Memorial Day Service Monday, May 28 at 11:45 a.m. at the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument. Memorial Day is a day to honor the more than one million men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

The Memorial Day Service is made possible thanks to the support of volunteers from the Highlands Ranch American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1260, the Highlands Ranch American Legion Post 1260, and by the Highlands Ranch Metro District. The event includes participants from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Libraries, local volunteers, and is emceed by veteran and local businessman David Simonson.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early and read the tiles at Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument prior to the event. Seating is not provided. Guests should bring their own chair if standing for 25 minutes is an issue.

Members of the Highlands Ranch American Legion Post 1260 and the Highlands Ranch American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1260 will also be commemorating Memorial Day by handing out poppies, which represent Memorial Day, at local King Soopers stores in Highlands Ranch on Memorial Day weekend and at the Memorial Day service.

The Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument is located at 9292 South Ridgeline Boulevard, Highlands Ranch 80129. 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 [hrvets.org](http://hrvets.org).

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