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## **Honor veterans at the Highlands Ranch Veterans Day Celebration Nov. 11**

Residents will gather the evening of Nov. 11 to honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces at the annual Highlands Ranch Veterans Day Celebration. The event takes place at 6:30 p.m. inside the James H. LaRue Library, which sits adjacent to the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument.

Natalie Tysdal, anchor of Daybreak on Colorado's Own Channel 2, will serve as master of ceremonies and Sergeant First Class Harold Waterman will deliver the keynote address.

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 Jay Powell will lead the group in the pledge of allegiance. Headliner Vocal's talented Diamond Group and Silver Group will sing a National Anthem medley, accompanied by Jeevee Balangan on keyboard.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early and visit the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument, located outside of the library, prior to the event. A focal point of the monument is a special tribute memorial to three very special hometown heroes whose names are etched in stone: Staff Sergeant Christopher Falkel, Sergeant Jon Stiles and Corporal Max Donahue.

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, 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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*Founded in 1981 as the local government in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, the Metro District provides a variety of municipal services to this planned community of 98,000 people. Learn more about the Metro District at [www.highlandsranch.org](http://www.highlandsranch.org)*