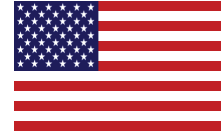




**“Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored.”**

— Daniel Webster



## MEMORIAL DAY 2008



*Monday, May 26, Noon*

*N.D. Veterans Cemetery  
Mandan, ND*





## *Vice Admiral Jeffrey L. Fowler*

*Superintendent, United States Naval Academy*

Vice Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler became the 60th Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy on June 8, 2007. Raised in Bismarck, North Dakota, he received his commission from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978 and immediately commenced training in the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion program.

Vice Adm. Fowler has served at sea in USS Bremerton (SSN 698), USS Alaska (SSBN 732) (BLUE), and as Executive Officer for the Pre-commissioning Unit Montpelier (SSN 765) and USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 709). He commanded USS Charlotte (SSN 766) and Submarine Squadron 3, responsible for eight fast-attack, nuclear-powered submarines. Vice Adm. Fowler has deployed to the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and Arctic oceans, and the Persian Gulf.

Ashore, Vice Adm. Fowler served as a submarine tactics instructor at Naval Submarine Training Center, Pacific; as a junior member on the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; as the Head, Submarine Programs Section of the Programming Division (N80) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations; Deputy Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N8) and the Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; the Pacific submarine force Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor; and as the Executive Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command.

Following selection to Flag Officer, Vice Adm. Fowler has served as Commander, Navy Recruiting Command and Director, Naval Europe/Sixth Fleet Plans and Operations; Deputy Commander, Sixth Fleet; Commander Submarines, Allied Naval Forces South; Commander, Submarine Group 8; and Commander, Task Forces 164/69.

In addition to earning a bachelor of science Degree in Mechanical Engineering with distinction from the Naval Academy, Vice Adm. Fowler's education includes master's degrees in Business Administration from Chaminade University of Honolulu and in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is also a graduate of the Syracuse University National Security Studies program and was a military fellow on the Council on Foreign Relations, where he is now a lifetime member.

Vice Adm. Fowler has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (4 awards), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (5 awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign and unit awards.

Vice Admiral Jeff Fowler was raised in Bismarck, North Dakota, attended Saxvik Elementary School, Simle Junior High School, and graduated from Bismarck High School, Class of 1974.

He is married to the former Katie Blackburn of Virginia Beach, Virginia. They have two daughters and one son.

# *Memorial Day Activities*

**Opening Remarks:** *Penny Ripperger, 119<sup>th</sup> Wing, N.D. Air National Guard*

**Flyovers:** *N.D Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk Helicopters*

**Welcoming Remarks:** *Governor John Hoeven  
Senator Kent Conrad  
Representative Earl Pomeroy  
Major General David A. Sprynczynatyk*

**Posting of the Colors:**

- *Bismarck American Legion Post #1, AMVETS Post #9*
- *Bismarck Mounted Police*
- *Cannon Ball American Legion Post #259*
- *Disabled American Veterans Post #3*
- *Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1326*
- *Fort Yates American Legion Post #164*
- *Mandan American Post #40 & Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #707*
- *N.D. Army National Guard Honor Platoon*
- *N.D. Patriot Guard Riders*
- *Standing Rock Vietnam Veterans*
- *Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 150*

**Other Participants:**

- *Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club*
- *Freedom Riders*
- *Second Brigade Motorcycle Club*
- *N.D. Patriot Guard Riders*

**National Anthem:** *Whittlee Fischer — Mandan High School*

**Keynote Speaker:** *Vice Admiral Jeffrey L. Fowler*

**Memorial Day Prayer:** *Pastor Terry Kern, First Evangelical Free Church, Bismarck*

**Rifle Volley:** *AMVETS Post #9*

**Taps in Echo:** *Amy Schaaf & Alyson Gross – Mandan High School*

**21 Cannon Salute:** *N.D. National Guard Ceremonial Platoon*

**Flags Raised to Full Staff:** *Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans & N.D. 20061 U.S. Air Force Junior ROTC—Grand Forks & Fargo*

**Retiring of Colors**