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Bloomfield, MO - Please join the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri on Monday, May 31st at 1 p.m.

They will pay homage to our nation's heroes and dedicate the new columbarium wall located on the grounds of the cemetery.

Keynote speaker will be Senator Wayne Wallingford, (R) District 27. He represents Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Perry, Scott, and Wayne counties.

From his Senator's page: "Senator Wayne Wallingford, a Republican, represents Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Perry, Scott and Wayne Counties (District 27) in the Missouri Senate. He was elected to the House of Representatives in November 2010 and the Missouri Senate in November 2012.

In addition to his legislative duties, Senator Wallingford is the Chief People Officer at McDonald's of Southeast Missouri. He previously spent 11 years with Taco Bell Corporation as a general manager, multi-unit manager, field staffing manager, field training coach and area coach.

Senator Wallingford is a retired Lt. Colonel with the United States Air Force. He served on active duty for 25 years, including five tours in Vietnam and six tours in Desert Storm. He received the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, 21 Air Medals, the Air Force

Commendation Medal for Heroism and several other honors.

Senator Wallingford is a member of Cape Bible Chapel, where he and his wife are active in church programs. He is a member of several local organizations and on the board of directors for the following organizations: United Way of Southeast Missouri, Habitat for Humanity, SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence, Boys and Girls Club, Community Counseling Center Foundation, Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Samaritan Regional Health Clinic, P-20 Education Council, Young Life, Seniors and Lawmen Together, Project Charlie, Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation-George Drouillard Chapter, and the National Federation of the Grand Order of Pachyderm Clubs.

Senator Wallingford is a 1964 graduate of Geneva Community High School. He received B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska, Omaha in 1968 and his M.A. in Management Supervision with a specialization in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University in 1983.

Born July 11, 1946 in Geneva, Illinois, Senator Wallingford currently resides in Cape Girardeau with his wife, Susan. They are the proud parents of London Jolliff and Brandon Scott Wallingford and the proud grandparents of Forest, Graeme, Emery, Carson, Brinleigh and Hadassah."

Stoddard County Honor Guard will provide the firing of the volley for the Memorial Service. Taps will also be played.

Lat year the ceremony was cancelled due to COVID-19. This year masks will be required. Please be respectful of others.

Families and friends of those buried at the cemetery are invited to attend, as well as members of the general public. For more information, contact the cemetery office at (573) 568-3871.

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