

Press Release
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The Grand Island Veterans Home invites the public to their “120th Birthday Ceremony” on Saturday, October 20th at 9:30 a.m. in the All Faiths Chapel. Margaret Hornady, the Grand Island City Mayor, will be the keynote speaker. There will also be a special audio visual show portraying both the historical and current photos of the Veterans Home. This event is part of the year long celebration by Hall County, in observance of the county’s 150th Anniversary.

The Veterans Home was established in 1887, and the cornerstone of the original “Soldiers & Sailors Home” was laid during a ceremony on October 20, 1887. The citizens of Grand Island were instrumental in raising the funds to purchase the 640 acres of land that was required for the Soldiers & Sailors Home to be built in this community.

Refreshments will be served in the Liberty Café immediately following the ceremony and tours of the facility will be provided until noon.

Due to construction on campus, those attending the ceremony should utilize the north entrance to the Veterans Home, off of old Highway 2, and park in the large north lot. The sidewalk leading from the parking lot provides easy access to the Chapel.