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MacPhearson Strassberg, plays "Amazing Grace" at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

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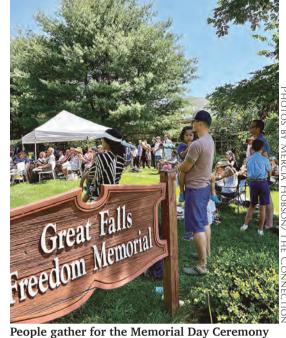
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Andy Wilson, president of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial



at Great Falls Freedom Memorial.



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tery over the cliffs of Omaha Beach

"There, 9,387 Americans from

in Normandv.



Bob Newhall gives the invocation.



BSA Troop 55 of Great Falls presents the colors



Laying of the Wreath by BSA Troop 55 (from left) LTG (R) David H. Huntoon Jr.; Marlon Dubuisson, District Director for Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11); Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31); and James ("Jim") Myles, Republican nominee for Virginia's 11th Congressional District.

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Honoring the service of war dead.

By Mercia Hobson The Connection

he Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial hosted the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30. The hour-long observance honored U.S. service members who gave their last full measure of devotion to their country as heroic war dead. In the invocation, Bob Newhall prayed, "There is no greater love than this, that a man would lay down his life for a friend ... This morning ,... we commemorate those men and women who, over the past two and a half centuries ... paid the ultimate price to gain and secure our freedom."

Keynote speaker Lieutenant General (R) David H. Huntoon Jr., United States Army, said we pay tribute to our fallen United States military heroes on Memorial Day. They served from Conrad to Belleau Wood, Khe Sanh to Kanda-

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our Armed Forces rest in honored glory... Another 1,557 are remembered by name on a memorial which marks the missing in action See Memorial Day, Page G



LTG (R) David H. Huntoon Jr., keynote speaker.



Dick Kuntz leads all in the national anthem.

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from the Normandy campaigns," Huntoon said. To Huntoon, every headstone holds a story of sacrifice, loss, courage, and character. The headstones speak of "deep camaraderie and shared trust of military life.

"Trust underwrites many of the stories of valor and sacrifice," Huntoon said. He recalled that Section 60 of Arlington Cemetery is the gravesite of Specialist Ross McGinnis, killed in Iraq 16 years ago. Riding in the rear of a Humvee, Mc-Ginnis tried to deflect a thrown grenade, but it fell into the Humvee and lodged between the radios. No one else in the truck realized where the grenade landed.

"So instead of jumping out to save his own life, as he was trained to do, McGinnis threw his back against the radio mount, smothering the explosive with his body. He was killed instantly. All four of his fellow soldiers survived," Huntoon said.

For Huntoon, the headstones at Arlington National Cemetery and the cemetery in Normandy tell the meaning of trust and selfless service, a commitment to national values, and to each other. Huntoon thanked those assembled for honoring and remembering the courage of our heroes.

"Every day, we owe them our recognition of the sacred value of their selfless service, and we owe our country the same dedication they gave to its enduring principles, "Huntoon said.



Bell Ringing, Andy Wilson reads the names of the "folks we remember" who gave their lives as Sara Hilgartner rings the bell.



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