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Governor to Mark Wyoming's 5th Veterans Welcome Home Day

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – On Friday, March 27, Governor Matt Mead will travel to events in several areas thanking veterans for their service and welcoming home veterans who did not receive a proper reception after serving. From the start of his time in office, Governor Mead has joined the Wyoming Veterans Commission to commemorate "Wyoming Veterans Welcome Home Day." The day of welcoming was added to state law in 2011.

All Wyoming veterans are invited to attend. Military personnel, surviving spouses of veterans and family members are also invited.

"I look forward to this day each year – Wyoming cares deeply for its veterans and these events provide an

opportunity to show we care," Governor Mead said. "Our veterans deserved to come home to a supportive nation. I am proud to be able to take part in this welcome home."

- Ceremonies in Evanston will begin at 8:30 am at 1440 Main Street
- Ceremonies in Pinedale will begin at 11:00 am at the Sublette County Library, 155 S. Tyler Avenue
- Ceremonies in Rawlins will begin at 2:30 pm at the Jeffrey Center at 3rd and Spruce

This year's ceremonies will feature remarks by Governor Matt Mead, Major General Luke Reiner, the Adjutant General of Wyoming, and Veterans Commission Vice Chairman Lee Alley, a Distinguished Service Cross recipient of the Vietnam War. Local officials and veterans from the community will also be speaking. Receiving lines will be formed so Wyoming residents can join the effort to thank our veterans.

"Wyoming veterans who served and sacrificed will be thanked for their efforts and welcomed home. It is never too late to say 'thank you,'" said Al Ellefson, Chairman of the Wyoming Veterans Commission.

All Wyoming communities are encouraged to host celebrations to honor Wyoming veterans who may not have been thanked for their service or properly welcomed home.

For more information, contact the Wyoming Veterans Commission at (307) 777-8151.

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