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### **BOARD AGENDA MEMO**

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**MEETING DATE:** May 12, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Supervisor Lisa Swarthout and Supervisor Sue Hoek

**SUBJECT:** Resolution proclaiming May 16, 2026, as Armed Forces Day in Nevada County

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** Armed Forces Day, observed annually on the third Saturday in May, is a time for Americans to honor and recognize the men and women who serve and have served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard. Armed Forces Day was established on August 31, 1949, by then-Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson and was first celebrated on May 20, 1950. Armed Forces Day replaced individual branch observances to recognize the unified strength of our military under one Department of Defense.

Armed Forces Day specifically acknowledges those currently serving, as well as all who have served and sacrificed in defense of our nation, whether on Active Duty, in the National Guard, or in the Reserves. Over the past century, tens of millions of Americans have answered the call to serve, and their commitment has been essential to preserving the freedoms and way of life we hold dear. Less than one percent of our nation's population serves in uniform today, yet their impact is immeasurable. These individuals are true American heroes who voluntarily place themselves in harm's way to protect democracy at home and abroad.

Armed Forces Day is also a time to affirm our responsibility to ensure that all qualified Americans who wish to serve may do so openly and free from discrimination, to honor the courage, dedication, and sacrifices of those who serve and have served in our Armed Forces, and to recognize the vital role they play in safeguarding our nation.

### Armed Forces Day Celebration

On May 16, 2026, Nevada County, The American Legion Post 130, and the Golden Empire Flying Association (GEFA) will sponsor the Armed Forces Day celebration at the Nevada County Airport. The goal of the event is to honor and celebrate our active-duty military members and veteran community.

The event will include several vendors and exhibits, including Military Recruiting, the Grass Valley Fire Department, CAL FIRE, and local community providers. There will also be classic cars and military aircraft on display. The Golden Empire Flying Association will provide airplane rides with a donation to its scholarship fund. Food vendors will be available, and the local band Let the Horses Run will provide entertainment for the event.

### Presentation

To celebrate Armed Forces Day, the Nevada County Veterans Services Office will provide a presentation. The Veterans Services Office assists veterans, survivors, and dependents in obtaining Federal, State and local benefits accrued through active-duty military service. The presentation will include information about the history of Armed Forces Day, Nevada County's history of honoring service and its relationship with Beale Air Force Base, and the programs provided by the Veterans Service Office that assist military service members in transition.

The presentation will also include recognition of Rain Wrenn, Administrative Services Assistant for the County Executive Office, who will receive the Nevada County Consolidated Veterans Council Community Service Award. This award recognizes Rain for her dedication to showcasing the best of our community through her involvement with the Golden Empire Flying Association (GEFA) and helping to make this Armed Forces Day event possible.

Therefore, we urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt the attached Resolution proclaiming May 16, 2026, as Armed Forces Day in Nevada County.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Lisa Swarthout  
District 3 Supervisor

Supervisor Sue Hoek  
District 4 Supervisor