



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Council Session

Item C2

Proclamation “Go Guard Week” March 18-24, 2013

Ten years ago, Grand Island became the home of a new National Guard aviation facility. This facility houses OH-58, Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters. It will soon be the site of a state of the art National Guard Readiness Center, currently under construction. The Mayor will acknowledge Travis Karr and CCC's Veterans achievement of being Ranked #2 in the Nation for Veteran Service and a Top 15% Military Friendly School. The Mayor has proclaimed the week of March 18-24, 2013 as "Go Guard Week". See attached PROCAMATION.

Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek

THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Grand Island
State of Nebraska

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the request for Grand Island to make a proposal to be the home of a new National Guard aviation facility was received on December 10, 2002; and
- WHEREAS, the entire Grand Island community supported the preparation of such a proposal; and
- WHEREAS, a presentation was made to Colonels Schurman and Peterson on February 14, 2003; and
- WHEREAS, Grand Island was chosen to be the home of the facility which was first used to house Apache helicopters in support of the 3rd Armory Division at Fort Hood in Texas; and
- WHEREAS, the facility today houses OH-58, Black Hawk and Chinook aircraft; and
- WHEREAS, the facility positively impacts our local economy and provides a place to welcome loved ones returning safely from their service to our country; and
- WHEREAS, the aviation facility is soon to be joined by the National Guard Readiness Center; and
- WHEREAS, the community is celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the announcement made on March 7, 2003 that Grand Island would become the home of the aviation facility.

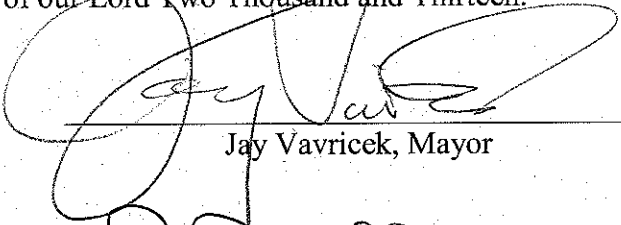
NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor of Grand Island Jay Vavricek proudly acknowledge the anniversary date of the decision to house the National Guard aviation facility in Grand Island in concert with the city's other military related facilities – former Cornhusker Ammunition Plant, Western Nebraska-Iowa Veterans Hospital, World War II Hero Flights, support for the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall and the first 125 years as the home for the Grand Island Veterans Home, do hereby proclaim the week of March 18, 2013 as

“GO GUARD WEEK”

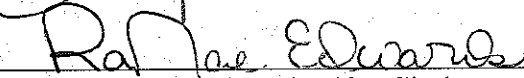
in the City of Grand Island.

It's with special appreciation we thank Nebraska's former U.S. Senators Hagel and Nelson, Congressman Osborne, Governor Johanns and Appropriations Committee Chair Texas U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson for their support.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.


Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

