



CITY OF PLANO MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

The City of Plano and Mayor Pro Tem Sally Magnuson have announced that the keynote speaker for this year's Memorial Day Observance will be Col. John Antal, U.S. Army (Ret). The ceremony is scheduled for **8:30 a.m. Monday, May 28** at the Plano Municipal Center. The ceremony will include a children's march, wreath laying ceremony and a 21-gun salute.

Colonel Antal entered the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1973 and retired at Fort Hood, Texas on July 31, 2003. He is an Airborne Ranger and has served in combat units in Germany, Korea, Kuwait and the United States. He served as special assistant to General Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, from 1998-2000. He has earned numerous military awards including three wards of the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct and leadership in the performance of his duties.

Antal has appeared on numerous military history television programs for A & E and the History Channel as a historian and military expert. He has published six books, contributed to several military anthologies, and published over 150 magazine articles.

Colonel Antal is currently serving as Vice President for Knowledge Operations for Gearbox Software in Plano, Texas. He is responsible for historical authenticity, military realism, script editing and assists in public relations. Colonel Antal has played a central role in the development and marketing of Gearbox's mega-selling games *Brothers in Arms, Road to Hill 30* (March 2005) and *Brothers in Arms, Earned in Blood* (October 2005) for the PC, X-Box and PlayStation.

The ceremony will conclude with a wreath laying ceremony, a 21-gun salute, taps and playing of the National Anthem.

The event will be televised live on Plano Television Network and replayed throughout the week.