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**NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD MUSEUM
TO UNVEIL WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN STATUE**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Members of the media are invited to attend a welcome and unveiling ceremony Friday, Oct. 11, at 2:30 p.m. at the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward.

A statue of William Jennings Bryan that was displayed in Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol from 1937 – 2019 will be unveiled as the centerpiece of the Early Guard (1854-1900) section of the museum.

Though he had no previous military experience, William Jennings Bryan helped recruit and organize the Third Nebraska Volunteer Infantry Regiment in 1898 for service during the Spanish - American War. Already famous as a former congressman and presidential nominee, Bryan enlisted as a private in the newly formed regiment. Governor Silas Holcomb later appointed Bryan as the regiment's commander with the rank of colonel.

The event will be open to the public. Governor Pete Ricketts, members of the Nebraska congressional delegation and Maj. Gen. Daryl Bohac will give remarks after the unveiling.

Those wishing to cover this event are encouraged to RSVP to Spc. Lisa Crawford at 402-309-8397 or by email to lisa.j.crawford2.mil@mail.mil. The Nebraska National Guard Museum is located at 201 N 8th St in Seward. Parking is available on the street or in the lot on the west side of the building.