

# *Re-raising the Flag*

National Park Service  
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Highlands Center  
at Cape Cod National Seashore

When the North Truro Air Force Station closed in June 1985, a ceremony was held featuring poignant speeches, jets soaring overhead, and the lowering of the flag. Guest speaker and Truro Selectman Bruce Tavers said of the station's personnel, "You've become more than friends and neighbors, you've become part of us." For nearly 25 years after, no flag flew over the site.

Standing 50 feet tall, a bright new fiberglass flagpole was erected by Highlands Center, Inc. shortly before the Town of Truro's 300th Anniversary Parade in July 2009. With the parade ending at Highlands Center, participants, community members, and special guests from Truro, England gathered on the quad to celebrate the momentous occasion. Park Superintendent George Price formally welcomed the community back to the site, now the Highlands Center at Cape Cod National Seashore.

Before the crowd, former members of North Truro's United States Air Force 762nd Squadron hoisted the flag for the first time since 1985. The colors flapped proudly overhead, marking a celebration of the site's military past, and its current use as a community center for arts, science and education—both facets of the ongoing history of Truro.



July 19, 2009— North Truro Air Force Station veterans raise the flag before onlookers at Truro's 300th Anniversary celebration.