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Makayla DaMoude, shown here playing Taps at the cemetery in Elsie, Neb. on Memorial Day in 2010, was honored by Ft. McPherson National Cemetery earlier this month.

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Makayla DaMoude of Imperial was recently honored by employees at Fort McPherson National Cemetery of Maxwell, when they presented her with an American flag for her services. DaMoude is the granddaughter of Elaine Hink who worked in Wauneta for many years.

The 14-year old was given the unflown flag, she said, for "patriotism and services." The Chase County Schools eighth grade student played Taps on her bugle during an Honor Service ceremony April 18.

This was the first time DaMoude played at Fort McPherson. She will play Taps again there on Memorial Day.

She has played Taps for funerals at several area cemeteries such as Elsie.

DaMoude is in the process of raising money for a trip to "Birth of an American Tradition," a celebration of the birth of America's national song of remembrance (Taps) in Virginia this summer.

She hopes to play with other members of Bugles Across America, which will be performing concerts June 22-24 at Berkeley Plantation in Charles City, VA.

"It sounds like such a great experience, to go to and be a part of history," she remarked.