2025 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade SALUTING VIETNAM VETERANS



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Vets Day Parade Theme Set

"Saluting Vietnam Veterans" is the theme of the 2025 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade set to step off on Tuesday, November 11 (Election Day), at 11 a.m. Participants will form up at the Tarrant County Courthouse and march down Fort Worth's Main Street through Sundance Square.

The nation's Vietnam War tribute was authorized by Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense, and launched by President Obama in 2012. The signing of the proclamation marked the 50th anniversary of the departure of the last American troops from Vietnam – March 29, 1973. Only U.S. embassy personnel and support staff remained in South Vietnam until the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.

The proclamation also directed the Vietnam War commemoration should continue through Veterans Day of this year. This tribute honors all veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, and their families. Thus, the United States has commemorated the 50th anniversary over a 13-year period.

In support of this decade-long campaign, Fort Worth will host, and the Tarrant County Veterans Council (TCVC) will again organize the annual parade. This year's theme of "Saluting Vietnam Veterans" will also proudly honor all the Nation's veterans: past, present, and future, TCVC organizers emphasize.

"Everyone can join our Vietnam veterans salute, as well as those military veterans who have, are and will continue to make great contributions," notes TCVC President Dan Zmroczek. "Simply visit our website where you can learn how to support, volunteer, and take part.

"Will you consider joining this year's festivities?" Zmroczek asks. "If you're not available, please help us spread the word. A parade poster's available online to download and distribute. Hope y'all can join us in saluting Vietnam veterans."

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Fort Worth's annual Veterans Day celebration began more than 100 years ago as an armistice procession through downtown in 1919 to honor those who had fought in World War I.

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