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## **News Release**

### **CITY OF VICTORVILLE TO HOST SALUTE TO VETERANS**

#### ***Community's Help Needed to Identify Veterans for Veterans Day Tribute***

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**VICTORVILLE, Calif.** – Building on the success of last year's event, the City of Victorville will once again host its Salute to Victorville Veterans. The City's goal is to find as many Victorville Veterans as possible and honor them during its Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 11. A total of 80 Veterans were honored at the tribute that was introduced last year.

The community is invited to tell the City about local Veterans by submitting Veteran Information Forms no later than Oct. 15. The form is available on the City's website at [www.victorvilleca.gov](http://www.victorvilleca.gov). Veterans can complete the Information Form themselves, or the form can be completed by friends and family.

This tribute is for Veterans (living or deceased) and current service members with any length of military service that is active duty, reserve component or National Guard with any U.S. military branch. The only requirement is the Veteran must have lived in Victorville at some point in his or her lifetime.

"While most Veterans Day Ceremonies honor Veterans in general, we've decided to personalize our tribute and honor the heroes who are part of our community," says Victorville Mayor, Gloria Garcia. "We look forward to recognizing our local Veterans for their selfless sacrifice and personal courage."

Victorville's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Forrest Avenue on Nov. 11 immediately following the Veterans Day Parade, which starts at 9 a.m. The festivities will begin with the annual Freedom Mile Run at 8:55 a.m.

For more information or to request a printed copy of the Veteran Information Form, contact Public Information Officer, Sue Jones by phone at (760) 955-1681 or by email at [VictorvilleVeteran@Victorvilleca.gov](mailto:VictorvilleVeteran@Victorvilleca.gov).

Those wishing to participate in the Victorville Veterans Day Parade are invited to complete the entry application no later than Oct. 19. The application can be found on the City of Victorville website at [www.victorvilleca.gov](http://www.victorvilleca.gov), or hard copies are available at Hook Community Center. Questions about the parade should be directed to (760) 245-5551.

Sponsorships for Victorville's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony are available. Sponsors will be recognized in the event program, press materials and on social media. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Public Information Officer, Sue Jones at (760) 955-1681.

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