

## **NEWSLETTER / NEWS RELEASE** From the Office of the Mayor

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## THE 2022 VETERANS' DAY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

The 2022 Veterans' Day Parade will be held on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m. according to Mayor Tim Lowery.

Our Parade will begin at Bangert Park and precede North on Florissant Road and then turn left on St. Francois, ending at the VFW hall where we will have a festival atmosphere with food trucks, music and the award for our 2022 Veteran of the Year.

The Emcee for the event this year is Marc Cox from 97.1 Talk Radio. The Grand Marshall is last year's Veteran of the Year John Daab. The St Louis County Veterans Coalition has worked hard and we are excited to have new participants and a larger parade & festival this year

At the conclusion of the Parade, we will honor the 2022 Florissant Veteran of the Year Ron Scanlon, a US Navy Desert Storm Veteran and the current Commander of Florissant Valley Memorial VFW Post 4105. After graduating from Jennings High School Ron began his Navy career in Great Lakes, IL then travelled to Orlando FL eventually ending up in Norfolk VA. While in Virginia Ron was stationed onboard the USS Puget Sound AD38 a Destroyer Tender. Along with a variety of Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, and North Atlantic cruises Ron was deployed to Bahrain during Desert Storm. In addition, Ron earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Ron is a Gold Legacy Life Member of VFW Post 4105 where he has been a member since 2000. The VFW Post has achieved All American twice and All State 3 times during his tenure. Ron serves as the VFW Department of MO 12<sup>th</sup> District Sr. Vice Commander and a member of the VFW Honor Degree-Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 5, Ron was the Chairman assisting the city in becoming a POW MIA City and currenting is the Chairman as the City of Florissant becomes a Purple Heart City.

Ron has been involved in CYC Sports over ten years and currently a board member of North County District. Ron is currently the Director of Loss Prevention & Health-Safety for Mers-Goodwill. His wife Jennifer works for Hazelwood School District Early Childhood. They have three sons and a daughter who is an Auxiliary Member of VFW Post 4105. Ron and his wife are proud grandparents of two granddaughters Emilia Leigh and Evelyn Harper.

In addition, the VFW Veteran Service Officers will be at VFW Post 4105 Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to assist Veterans with service related claims

We are proud to have hosted this parade which at the suggestion of Mr. Norman Sirna, a member of the Veterans' Commission. Mayor Lowery, the City Council invite everyone to bring their children/grandchildren to this event and salute the men and women who have and continue to serve this great country in Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

