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**THE 2021 VETERANS' DAY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

The 2021 Veterans' Parade will be held on **Sunday, November 7<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 2021 Veteran of the Year.

The Emcee for the event this year is Marc Cox from 97.1 Talk Radio. Our Grand Marshall is last years Veteran of the Year Lucia Greer. 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 2021 Florissant Veteran of the year. United States Navy Veteran John Daab. John served on USS Iwo Jima LPH-2 an amphibious assault ship with 1800 Navy and Marine personnel from 1967 to 1968, during the TET Offensive. Their mission was to land Marines where fighting was occurring and medevac casualties numbering over 600 wounded. After his return to the states, John was assigned to Base Security at the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center in San Diego, California.

John was one of the founding fathers of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 794 and served as Charter President. VVA's mission is to support the full range of issues important to all veterans and to change public perception of Vietnam Veterans. He has also served as the Commander of VFW Post 4105 from 2007 to 2009. John was employed as Operations Manager at the USO of Missouri at Lambert Airport for the last four years of his working life. After his retirement in 2011, he became a volunteer at the USO. John also served as committee chairman for Boy Scout Troop 749.

John has been married to my wife, Barbara, for 48 years living the entire time in Florissant where they raised their family. They have two sons, Mark (Denise) and Dan (Jewel), and four grandchildren, Isabelle, Grant, Peyton and Chase. His youngest son, Dan, served in the US Navy for 12 years as a nuclear technician on the USS Hampton and USS Connecticut submarines as well as an instructor at the Naval Power Training Unit in Goose Creek, SC.

We are proud to have hosted this parade for the past 18 years 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.