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## PRESS RELEASE

**WHAT: AUSTIN VETERANS DAY PARADE & CAPITOL CEREMONY**  
**WHERE: Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge at 9:00 am**  
**South steps of the Texas Capitol at 10:30 am**  
**When: Sunday, November 11, 2018**

The Austin Veterans Parade Foundation wishes to invite all citizens to join in celebrating all Veterans Sunday, November 11, along Congress Avenue from the Ann Richards Bridge up to the Texas Capitol. Various groups of veterans from all wars, marching bands, floats, and more will be in the parade. In addition to our veterans, several Junior ROTC and other youth groups from local schools will march in the parade.

Immediately following the parade at 10:30am, join us at the south Capitol steps for our Veterans Day program. This year's master of ceremonies is Fox 7 Austin's news anchor Mike Warren. The featured speaker is Maj. Gen. John Nichols, Commander, Texas Military Forces, who will make a motivating speech.

In celebration of the end of the "Great War" 100 years ago and the signing of the Armistice Agreement on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, this day has come to be what we now celebrate as Veterans Day. We will have some special guests this year: the Consulate General of France, Mr. Alexis Andres. Six American World War II veterans from Texas who fought in France will be presented the French Legion of Honor in a very special ceremony along with the Consulate General of Britain Karen Bell and the Deputy Consul General of Germany Michael Ott.

There will also be a rededication of the 36<sup>th</sup> Division Monument, known as the Panther Division during World War I. Several veteran organizations will pay respects to a replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in a wreath ceremony. The Daughters of the American Revolution will also have a wreath laying at the 36<sup>th</sup> Division and WW1 monuments.

For more information on the parade go to [www.nov11.org](http://www.nov11.org)

To learn more about the parade or to schedule media appearances or interviews, visit the website at [www.Nov11.org](http://www.Nov11.org) or send an email to [committee@austinveteransparade.org](mailto:committee@austinveteransparade.org). Follow the event on social media through the organization's Facebook account: [www.facebook.com/ATXVeteransDay](https://www.facebook.com/ATXVeteransDay).

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