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**Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade to Commemorate
the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion
*Events to include Military Displays, Oath of Enlistment and 11th Hour Ceremony***

DALLAS, TX–May 28, 2019 – The Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation announces today that the 2019 Dallas Veterans Day Parade, to be held on Monday, November 11, 2019, will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. In addition to honoring all veterans, this year’s parade will specifically recognize the sacrifices World War II service men and women made to preserve the freedoms and liberties we enjoy today.

“The D-Day Invasion was one of the decisive events of World War II and the 20th Century,” said Mr. Philip A. “Pat” Teipel, 2019 Dallas Veterans Day Parade Chairman. “This great battle turned the tide of World War II and helped bring peace to a world shattered by war.” Teipel adds.

The D-Day Invasion took place on June 6, 1944 in Normandy France. The allied armies of the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada invaded the beaches of Normandy. More than 150,000 military men took part in the invasion. This invasion opened the second front of World War II and led to the invasion and surrender of Germany less than a year later.

“It is our pleasure and duty to honor the men and women who courageously fought this battle against difficult odds and paved the way to ultimate victory in World War II.” Teipel goes on to say. “In addition, we honor all our nation’s veterans and give them our thanks as a nation for the freedoms and peace they have given us.” Teipel continues.

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Veterans Day Events will include:

- **Military Displays:** Available for viewing in front of Dallas City Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- **Oath of Enlistment:** More than 150 young men and women representing all services of the military will take their Oath of Enlistment in front of Dallas City Hall at 10:50 a.m.
- **11th Hour Ceremonies:** The 11:00 a.m. ceremony will include:
 - A symbolic wreath laying ceremony accompanied by Taps
 - A Missing Man Formation fly over by the U.S. Air Force
 - The colorful Massing of the Colors performed by area High School JROTC cadets
 - A keynote speech (Speaker to be announced)

Since 1998, through the patriotic support of greater Dallas area companies and citizens, the Dallas Veterans Parade Committee has paid tribute to America's heroes. **For information about partnership and donation opportunities, contact: Tracy Fisher at 972-983-4843 or visit greaterdallasveteransfoundation.org.**

About the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee

The Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade, an annual event planned by a committee supported by the Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation, was founded in 1998 at the request of City of Dallas leaders, veterans' organizations, civic leaders and members of the active, reserve and retired military components. Its purpose is to plan, produce and carry out a grand ceremonial event and parade each year on November 11 for the greater Dallas Community to honor our veterans. The Committee's guiding principle is "Saluting those who are serving, those who have served and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice". For more information about the parade itself, please visit vetsdayindallas.org.