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# PRESS RELEASE

## City returns to in-person Annual Veterans Celebration

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (October 25, 2021)** The City of Winter Park will return to an in-person event presenting its **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Celebration "Honoring Winter Park Heroes,"** Friday, November 12, 2021, at **10 a.m.** This event will be held at the **Winter Park Community Center Ruby Ball Amphitheater** located at **721 W. New England Ave.**



All veterans that have served in any military campaign or branch in honor of our nation's freedom are invited to attend for our community to pay tribute to their dedicated service to our country. This celebration will be held safely outdoors with seats socially-distanced for attendees.

At **9:30 a.m.**, the public is invited to visit with organizations that offer resources specifically for veteran needs as the VFW Post 2093 Community Band entertains guests. At **10 a.m.**, the official program will begin with musical tributes, anecdotal speakers including guest speaker Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Tommie Maldonado, U.S. Army Retired, and recognition of veterans according to the various military branches served.

CSM Maldonado served 30 years of active service at all levels of command culminating as the Commandant of the United States Army Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Hawaii. He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit medal for his service to the nation. Upon retirement, he continues to serve the military in a different capacity by taking care of veterans and their families as a County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO).

In July 2004, CSM Maldonado started his career as a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) as a **VSO for Orange County**. In November 2007, he became the VSO for Osceola County and in October 2014, he returned to Orange County as the Program Manager and CVSO. CSM Maldonado is also the immediate past president of the County Veteran Service Officers' Association of Florida.

The Veterans Day Celebration continues at the Winter Park Golf Course, located at 761 Old England Ave., with a **Veterans Golf Play Day**. Tee times **begin at 12:30 p.m.** and veterans play for **FREE**. Reserve your tee time for a patriotic round of golf by Friday, November 5, at 407-599-3419.

For more information regarding the city's **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Celebration**, please call 407-599-3428. For more information regarding the **Veterans Golf Play Day**, please call 407-599-3419. # # #

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