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PRESS RELEASE

City to honor veterans at 15th annual celebration

WINTER PARK, FL (October 13, 2025) The City of Winter Park will host its 15th Annual Veterans Day Celebration, **Friday, November 7, at 10 a.m.** The event will be held at the **Winter Park Community Center Ruby Ball Amphitheater** adjacent to **Shady Park at Hannibal Square** 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.

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 begins with musical performances, anecdotal speakers including Laurie K. Houck, Rollins College, and musical recognition of veterans according to the various military branches served. The program will also include two [Quilts of Valor](#) presentations.

Laurie K. Houck, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Rollins College since 2017, leads the college's fundraising, alumni relations and strategic engagement efforts. She will share her journey as a Gold Star Mother after recently losing her son David, an Army Specialist. Houck was supported by the military family during her times of grief and will express her gratitude for their comforting support. A Gold Star Mother has lost a son or daughter while in service in the United States Armed Forces and wears a gold star in honor of their sacrifice.



The Veterans Day Celebration continues with a **Veterans Golf Play Day** offered at both Winter Park golf courses: [Winter Park Golf Course \(WP9\)](#) at 761 Old England Ave., and [Winter Park Pines Golf Club \(WP18\)](#) at 950 S. Ranger Blvd. 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, October 31, at [407-599-3339](#) (WP9) or [407-671-3172](#) (WP18).

For more information about the **15th Annual Veterans Day Celebration**, please call [407-599-3506](#).

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