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PRESS RELEASE

City to honor veterans at 16th annual celebration

WINTER PARK, FL (October 21, 2026) The City of Winter Park will host its 16th Annual Veterans Day Celebration, **Friday, November 6, 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 while the VFW Post 2093 Community Band entertains guests.

At **10 a.m.**, the official program begins with musical performances, anecdotal speakers including Mark Hertling, and musical recognition of veterans according to the various military branches served. The program will also include three [Quilts of Valor](#) presentations.

Mark Hertling, DBA is a 1975 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He served for nearly four decades as an armor and cavalry officer in the U.S. Army, culminating his career as Commanding General of U.S. Army Europe. He also commanded the 1st Armored Division and Task Force Iron in northern Iraq during the 2007–2008 surge, one of several combat deployments. Since retiring from the Army, Hertling has worked extensively with various healthcare organizations, served on two Presidential commissions, and now serves as a Professor of Practice in Strategic Leadership at the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College. He is married to his best friend, Sue, and they have two sons, five grandsons and two step-granddaughters.



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 Thursday, November 5, at [407-599-3339](#) (WP9) or [407-671-3172](#) (WP18).

For more information about the **16th Annual Veterans Day Celebration**, please call [407-599-3495](#).

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