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TRI-VALLEY VETERANS DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY

Medal of Honor Recipient to Speak at the Post Parade Event

PLEASANTON, *Calif.* — The 20th Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2016 in Pleasanton, California.

Veterans Day honors all veterans who have served or are serving our nation in the armed forces. This year the parade and the post parade event are dedicated to those who served during the Vietnam War era. This event is one of over 7000 events being conducted across the United States to mark the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Vietnam veteran and Medal of Honor Recipient US Army Major (Retired) James A. Taylor will be the parade grand marshal and will be the guest speaker at the post parade ceremony.

The parade begins at 1 p.m. in front of Veterans Memorial Hall, 301 Main Street in Pleasanton and continues four blocks north to St. Mary's Street. More than 100 organizations are expected to participate this year.

Around 2:15 p.m., the post parade ceremony will begin in Veterans Memorial Hall. Once again, the theme will be honoring the service and sacrifice of Vietnam era veterans. A short film narrated by Sam Elliott will be shown followed by remarks from Major Taylor. Major Taylor will then present commemorative pins to all Vietnam era veterans who served from 1959 to 1975. The renowned Pleasanton Community Concert Band under the direction of Bob Williams will perform patriotic music before and during this event.

As in past years, the Pleasanton Veterans Day parade and post parade ceremony is organized and hosted by American Legion Post 237, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and the Major General William F. Dean Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

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