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Eyes on Arlington: Veterans Day ceremony to honor Purple Heart recipients

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Veteran's Day. A very special observance honoring the duty, sacrifice and service of America's veterans of all wars is set for Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at Veteran's Park located at 3600 W Arkansas Lane and sponsored by Great Southwest Rotary Club and Arlington Womans Club.

The program will open with music performed by Tarrant County Criminal Court 9 Judge **Brent Carr**, accompanied by the Cowtown Music Club. Judge Carr is well known for his support of veteran's causes locally.

UTA's Maverick Color Guard will do the presentation of colors before the keynote address by Col. **Samuel T. Studdard**, commanding officer, 8th Marine Corps District.

Guests at the event will enjoy seeing the beautiful Veterans Memorial in the park and hearing plans for the remaining phases of the ambitious memorial project.

A special part of the day's ceremony will be to honor those in attendance who are recipients of the Purple Heart. Everyone will have the chance to express their patriotic pride during a sing-along portion of the program before the military medley of the service anthems is played.

Taps performed by Cowtown Music Club and the retirement of the colors will make a touching ending to this very special Veterans Day observance.

Event coordinator **Jim Runzheimer** from Great Southwest Rotary says the existing three flag poles, paved areas and memorial brick pavers adjacent to a bronze statue of a World War II soldier mounted atop an elevated pedestal are the culmination of efforts begun in 2005 by Arlington's Rotary Clubs. Donations from many in the community with strong support from the parks and recreation department have enabled the completion of these first phases of the memorial project.

Plans for the final two phases of the memorial call for construction of a walkway south of the statue leading to a large circular area featuring a spectacular star in the center with the entire area surrounded by majestic graceful colonnades.

To learn more about the event or to find out how to contribute to the memorial project, contact Runzheimer at Runz-law@swbell.net or 817-795-2020

We'll always have Paris. But did you think you could have it right here in Arlington, Texas? Moreover, imagine visiting the city of romance and one of the shopping capitals of the world at Christmastime--oooh la la! If the mystique appeals to you, then make plans for a Holiday Happy Hour set for Nov. 11 from 5-7 p.m. at the Arlington Convention Center.

The fun Friday evening party is one of several special events that are part of this year's Holiday Magic 3-day gift show presented by the Junior League of Arlington running Nov. 11-13. This year's theme is Christmas in Paris.

Organizers say about the Friday event, "Drinks will flow at the market's happy hour event ...before you walk our very own Avenue des Champs-Elysees and find all your desired holiday treasures,"

Event chair **Jennifer Loafman** and her committee invite everyone who wants to celebrate the end of the workweek to put a group of friends together and for a special \$10 admission enjoy a cocktail, an appetizer and early holiday shopping at more than 65 specialty shops. To purchase tickets online to this or any of the Holiday Magic events, www.jarlington.org or call 817-277-9481.

Stay tuned for more stories about other Holiday Magic events.

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