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The service and sacrifices of military veterans will be honored Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. when the City of Burleson hosts the fifth annual Military Veteran Tribute at Veterans Memorial Park at Renfro Square.

The theme this year focuses on the Prisoners Of War and those Missing In Action. A POW/MIA monument will be unveiled and dedicated. The ceremony includes the posting of colors by the Burleson Fire Department Honor Guard, bagpipes, the national anthem, and Soulful Sound singing a medley of songs. Burleson Mayor Ken Shetter will emcee the event. The Burleson ROTC will present the ceremonial wreath. The Burleson Police Department Honor Guard will provide the firing party, followed by "Taps."

The City's "Be Burleson. Be Safe. Be Well. Be Healthy" committee is hosting a Freedom Walk starting at 12:45 p.m. That walk will start at city hall, 141 W. Renfro St., and end at Veterans Memorial Park in time for the tribute. Those walkers who start and finish the walk will receive a free Freedom Walk t-shirt.

Veterans Memorial Park is a City-owned park that includes a fountain surrounded by bricks engraved with the names of local service members, the bronze eagle and Purple Heart memorial that were unveiled in 2009, and the names of veterans from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam from the Johnson County Veterans Monument that were added in 2010. The park was dedicated to the City in 2009 by Rocky Bransom and Jim Garrett of B&G Development. The park is located at 298 E. Renfro St., near the corner of Renfro Street and I-35W.

For more about the tribute, call David McDowell at 817-426-9112. For more about the Freedom Walk call Kellye Cunningham at 817-426-9682.