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### **Military Veteran Tribute planned for Nov. 9**

The public is invited to stand with us as the city honors the service and sacrifices of our military veterans.

The City's annual Military Veteran Tribute is on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Plaza, 298 E. Renfro St. (corner of Renfro and the I-35W service road). Burleson Mayor Ken Shetter is the emcee, and Brandon Byers, Retired Sr. Airman, USAF, is the guest speaker.

The event includes the posting of colors and a ceremonial wreath, bagpipe and patriotic music. Matt Powell will do the honors with the invocation and read the poem, "My Name is Old Glory." Lily McClendon will sing the "National Anthem." The BISD Air Force Junior ROTC will present the colors and the wreath presentation. Steve Pruitt will play "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. A member of the Burleson High School band, bugler, Noah Teer will play "Taps."

Honorary speaker, Brandon Byers, Retired Senior Airman, USAF, trained as a 50 Cal. turret gunner, Brandon suffered severe injuries from an IED explosion while serving in Iraq in 2006. After three years of numerous surgeries, he was medically retired in 2009. Brandon enjoys inspiring others with his story of overcoming a life-altering injury, and his love of America.

The city-owned Veterans Memorial Plaza includes a fountain; 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 the Johnson County Veterans Memorial – World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam – were placed in the ground next to the Operation Remember kiosk in 2010. A POW monument was added in 2011. A Soldier's Cross statue was erected in 2017. A bronze plaque was placed in 2018, depicting and honoring all conflicts and all branches of the United States Military.

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