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# Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the End of World War II

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**Dallas Veterans Day Commemoration**  
November 11, 2015



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# Eleventh Hour Ceremony :: November 11/15



## The Armistice Day Story

At 11:00 am, November 11, 1918, the guns of World War I fell silent across Europe and Armistice Day was born. Eight years later a Presidential Proclamation invited people to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies. In time it was changed to Veterans Day and became the focal point for official national Veterans Day ceremonies.

Musical Prelude . . . . .	Air National Guard Band of the Southwest
Master of Ceremonies . . . . .	Scott Murray
Oath of Enlistment . . . . .	Lieutenant General John Campbell, USAF (Ret)
Presentation of the Colors . . . . .	JROTC Color Guard
Massing of the Colors. . . . .	DISD JROTC Cadets
Invocation. . . . .	CDR Rene P. Lawson (Chaplain), USN
Pledge of Allegiance . . . . .	LTC King Moss II
The National Anthem . . . . .	MSgt. Erika Stevens TXANG
Laying of the Wreath . . . . .	Lieutenant General John Campbell, USAF (Ret.) LTC King Moss II, USA (Ret.) SgtMaj Willie Martin, USMC (Ret.)
Rifle Salute . . . . .	Lone Star Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America
TAPS . . . . .	TSgt. Richard Bullock, USAF (Ret.)
Missing Man Formation	T-38's, Euro-NATO Joint Pilot Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Texas
Retire the Colors . . . . .	DISD JROTC Cadets
Introduction of Mayor Michael Rawlings . . . . .	Scott Murray
Welcome Comments . . . . .	Mayor Michael S. Rawlings, City of Dallas
Guest Speaker Introduction . . . . .	LTC King Moss II, USA (Ret.)
Guest Speaker . . . . .	Congressman Pete Sessions
Music Interlude . . . . .	Air National Guard Band of the Southwest
Veterans Day Parade . . . . .	Parade Passes in Review in front of Dallas City Hall

## OFFICER PARADE REVIEWING PARTY

Army . . . . .	Brigadier General David Hill, USA
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Merchant Marine . . . . .	Captain Robert M. Keslinke, USN (Ret.)





## CHAIRMAN

### Lieutenant Colonel King Moss II, USA (Ret)



Lieutenant Colonel King Moss II was born in Vallejo, California at Mare Island Naval Base several months after the end of WWII. He holds a BBA from Texas A&M University and an MBA from the University of North Texas. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery from Texas A&M ROTC in 1968. His military education includes the Field Artillery Basic Course, Field Artillery Advance Course and Command and General Staff College. LTC Moss served in Vietnam as a Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer and Fire Base Commander. He also served on Active Duty at Fort Hood, Texas. In the US Army Reserve, he held several staff and leadership positions to include commander of a psychological operations company and Deputy Inspector General of a Medical Brigade.

LTC Moss' awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. In his civilian career, he was employed by the Dallas Water Utilities for 33 years

where he held several management and executive positions. He retired in 2005. He has been a member of and served on various sub-committees in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee since its inception. He is also a member of the Military Order of World Wars, Military Officers Association of America and the Dallas Council of the Navy League. He has held leadership positions in these organizations. LTC Moss is married and has three sons. He and his wife, Georgeann live in Sunnyvale, Texas. His sons and daughter-in-laws Wes and Catherine and Scott and Erica live in the Dallas area and his son, Ryan is a junior civil engineering student at Texas A&M University.

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Greetings to my fellow veterans and citizens of Dallas and the Metroplex.

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the eighteenth annual Dallas Veterans Day 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Ceremony and Parade held in downtown Dallas and City Hall Plaza. This event is designed especially to honor our veterans: those who have served, those who are serving and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we in the United States of America can possess the freedom and liberty that we hold so precious.

This year's parade theme is "Commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of WWII". We are paying special tribute to those men and women of the "Greatest Generation" who served, fought and sacrificed their lives against the enemies who would take our freedom away from us. They had a selfless commitment to defend the American way of life and liberate people from evil tyrants. These men and women literally saved the world.

On behalf of the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee, I would like to thank the City of Dallas, the Office of Special Events and the many municipal volunteers who have contributed immensely to the success of this annual parade. We are so very proud to have their partnership support.

Thanks and recognition must also go to the Dallas area independent school districts especially the faculties, administrators and the hundreds of students and cadets participating in the bands and JROTC units. Further, I extend profound and hearty thanks to all the civic and patriotic organizations that join us every year to honor our veterans on this momentous day.

I also want to thank my fellow members on the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee. They are made up of military veteran and civilian volunteers who give tirelessly of their time and energy to make this event successful. Their teamwork, enthusiasm, and support of this event are unparalleled. I am very proud to lead this team for this great event.

Grateful thanks must go to the Dallas area and State military community who provide us with excellent military bands, marching units technical and logistical support. We value their partnership and support.

Finally, on behalf of the committee, I thank the Greater Dallas business community and civic leaders for their generous financial support. This support makes the annual Dallas Veterans Day Parade possible. We are deeply grateful to you for your assistance and support.

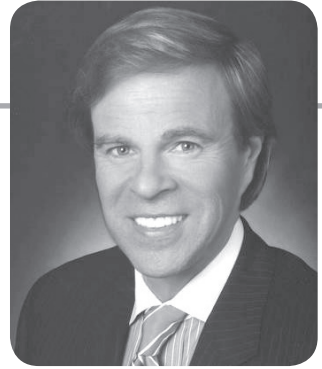
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## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

### Scott Murray



From U.S. Presidents to U.S. Opens, World Series to the World Cup, Olympic Games to 30 straight Super Bowls, Scott Murray has covered them all. He spent three decades with NBC television as an Emmy Award-winning television sports anchor and broadcast journalist, including close to a quarter of a century at NBC/DFW. Scott was named Sportscaster of the Year 17 times and is a recipient of the prestigious Silver Circle Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Although Scott has retired from nightly television news, he's returned to NBC 5 as host of the weekly TV public affairs/philanthropic program, *Talk Street*. In addition, he is back on the radio hosting *The Scott Murray Show* on 570 KLIF every Sunday night from 7-8pm. Scott continues to be a sought-after inspirational/keynote speaker, a published author of two books (*Whatever It Takes* and *Bring Out The BEST*), TV/radio spokesperson, emcee/moderator, and, Chairman/CEO of Murray Media, a video/HD/television production and A/V event company.

Scott stays active in the north Texas community as a volunteer, serving on the board/advisory boards of many children's, civic, charitable and non-profit organizations including The North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee, National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame/Gridiron Club of Dallas, National Sports Marketing Network, Doak Walker National Running Back Award, Davey O'Brien National

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His commitment to community has resulted in his being honored with such awards as Man of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Humanitarian of the Year, Governor's Award, Director's Award from the FBI and the US Department of Justice, George Washington Medal of Honor Freedom Award, Tom Landry Award of Excellence, National Youth Leadership Council Gift of Leadership Award, Champion for Children Award, Honorary Member of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Boy Scouts of America God and Service Award, Komen for the Cure National Individual Community Service Award, United Way Hercules Award, Philanthropy Hall of Fame Inductee, Texas Baseball Hall of Fame-Honorary Inductee, and his two most cherished awards, Dad of the Year & Father of the Year.

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## PARADE ANNOUNCER

### Brian Curtis



Brian Curtis is a journalist with 25 years of experience in local television news. He co-anchors NBC 5 News at 6 p.m. & 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Brian is a multiple Lone Star Emmy Award winner, and the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters has honored him several times as the best news anchor in Texas.

Among the major news stories that Brian has covered for NBC5 are the disaster in West, Texas, the tornado outbreak of 2012, and the explosion of space shuttle Columbia.

You may have seen Brian as one of the panelists for the 2012 Texas gubernatorial debates. He has also covered the Olympics in London, Beijing, Torino, and Athens, as well as the Super Bowl and the World Series. He is passionate about NBC5's "Empty The Shelter" project, which finds homes for animals in DFW-area shelters.

Brian joined NBC 5 as a general assignment reporter in 2003 and worked his way up to the anchor desk. Brian's path to DFW started at KOMU-TV in Columbia, Missouri, then passed through TV stations in Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Birmingham and Kansas City.

Brian has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Emory University. He is also a graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT. Brian grew up in Connecticut and Rhode Island, but got here as fast as he could! North Texas is now home.

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## PARADE ANNOUNCER

### Matt Thomas



Matt Thomas is an award-winning journalist who has been reporting and anchoring full-time on NewsRadio 1080-KRLD since 2006. In addition to his on-air work, Matt also is Assistant News Director for KRLD and the Texas State Radio Network. He has been anchoring the KRLD Afternoon News since 2012.

Prior to joining KRLD the North Texas native worked as a reporter at NewsRadio 740-KTRH in Houston. It was there he covered several high-profile stories including the sixteen-week fraud and conspiracy trial of Enron bosses Ken Lay and Jeff Skilling. Matt also covered hurricane Rita from Beaumont and spent weeks reporting from New Orleans both before and after hurricane Katrina.

Matt is a reporter at heart, and still loves it when he has the opportunity to go to the scene of breaking news. He has been named, "Best Spot News Reporter" by the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters several times. He has also been a part of several, "Best Newscast" awards from the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters. In 2010, Matt won a Regional Edward R. Murrow Award for a special series on dangerous roads in North Texas. Matt is currently Radio President on the board of the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters. He has been on the board since 2011.

Matt was raised in Denton County, but moved to New York City to attend college after high school graduation. While there, he worked part-time as a desk assistant at ABC News Radio. His on-air career started while he was in college doing both airborne and studio traffic reports for KRLD and several other stations in North Texas.

Matt enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife Megan and with his friends and family. Matt lives in Plano and his hobbies include playing golf and going to events happening across the Dallas/Fort Worth area.



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## HONORED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Congressman Pete Sessions

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Congressman Sessions grew up in Waco, Texas. He graduated from Churchill High School in San Antonio and went on to graduate from Southwestern University in 1978, where he now serves on the Board of Trustees. He worked for then-Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 16 years, retiring as District Manager for Marketing in Dallas.

In 1996, the people of Dallas and the 5th Congressional District sent Congressman Sessions to Washington, DC to represent them in the United States House of Representatives. In 2002, Congressman Sessions began representing the 32nd Congressional District, created from redistricting. In 2014, the people of the 32nd Congressional District called him back to Congress for his tenth term.

He serves as the Chairman of the House Committee on Rules, which is best known for its role as the legislative gatekeeper. In 2008 and 2010, he was elected by the House Republican Conference as Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Congressman Sessions is married to Karen Sessions. He is the proud father of two sons and three stepsons. Congressman Sessions resides in Dallas, Texas.

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## GRAND MARSHAL

### Charles “Charlie” Alford (Born November 12, 1920)

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Charlie Alford joined the U.S. Army in 1942 and began training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. There, he applied for and was accepted into Officer Candidate School. After he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in January 1943 he was assigned to the 65th Division, 868th Field Artillery Battalion in Shelby, Mississippi. After a year of stateside duty, Charlie volunteered for overseas duty and was promptly transferred to the European theater. After zigzagging across the Atlantic Ocean dodging German submarines, he landed in Europe and joined the 6th Armored Division serving in France.

At the end of the Normandy Campaign, Charlie and the 6th Armored Division turned east and raced across France as a lead element of General George Patton’s Third Army. On December 23, 1945, the 6th Armored Division was ordered north of Metz to take part in the Battle of the Bulge. Charlie’s unit secured a sector along the south bank of the Sauer River. The 6th Armored Division was heavily engaged in the battle for Bastogne, finally driving the enemy back across the Our River into Germany. It was

during this fighting that Charlie was awarded the Silver Star for heroism.

Charlie’s unit penetrated the Siegfried Line, crossed the Rhine River and swept into Germany. He assisted in freeing prisoners of war in the notorious German concentration camp at Buchenwald. After the war ended, Charlie’s unit was reassigned to the 2nd Armored Division and sent to Berlin to occupy the American sector. In late 1945, he served on one of the War Crimes Commissions.

Charlie received his honorable discharge in 1946 and joined the Army Reserves, he retired in 1973 from the Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. Charlie’s wife for 68 years, Goldia, passed away in March of 2011. Charlie and Goldia have a son and a daughter.





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## GRAND MARSHAL

### William "Will" Nealy (Born on March 20, 1926)

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Will was born in Stonewall Oklahoma as the fifth of eight children. As a child, he moved to Dallas where he attended Booker T. Washington High School. On August 4, 1944, Will joined the Army and did his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. In 1945, he was shipped overseas to the South Pacific where he served in the Philippines. In the Philippines, he was in an engineer battalion and worked as a firefighter on a variety of Army and Army Air Corps bases as well as the city of Manila. After the surrender of Japan, Will shipped out for Japan where he served in the Army of Occupation.

In June of 1946, Will came back to the United States where he received an honorable discharge. He served in the reserves, and then decided to re-enlist in the Army on July 24, 1947. He then went on to train at Fort Knox, Kentucky. During his time in the Army, Will served in Korea, Germany, Greenland, and all over the continental United

States in units ranging from infantry units, military police units, engineering units, and air defense artillery units.



After 21 years of service, Will retired from the Army with the rank of Master Sergeant. He was married to his wife Glendora for 16 years and together they have 5 children. Will is a resident of Dallas, Texas.

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## GRAND MARSHAL

### Romus "RV" Burgin (Born August 13, 1922)

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RV Burgin joined the Marine Corps in November of 1942 and was assigned to the 9th Replacement Battalion. He soon became a mortar-man in K-Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, and fought in the Pacific War at Cape Gloucester, on Peleliu, and Okinawa. Burgin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant upon reaching Okinawa.

On Okinawa, RV was awarded a Bronze Star for Valor for his actions in the Battle of Okinawa on May 2nd, 1945, when he destroyed a Japanese Machine Gun emplacement that had his company pinned down. Burgin was wounded on May 20th, 1945 and received a Purple Heart. He returned to his company after spending 20 days in a field hospital and remained with them for the duration of the battle.

After the war, RV was sent to Melbourne Australia.

There he met and then later married an Australian girl named Florence Risely. RV received his honorable discharge and he went to work for the United States Post Office. RV and his wife have four daughters. RV lives in Lancaster, Texas.







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## GRAND MARSHAL

### James Henderson (Born January 19, 1924)

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James Henderson volunteered for the United States Navy in November of 1942 at a recruiting station in Longview, Texas. He was sworn in shortly thereafter in Dallas and sent to San Diego, California where his company of mostly east Texans was formed on January 19th, 1943. He received 12 weeks of training in San Diego, traveled to Memphis, Tennessee for radio aviation school, and Pensacola, Florida for regular radio operation training. In Pensacola, James decided that he was tired of waiting and wanted to go to sea to fight the war. He wrote a letter to the Bureau of Naval Operations explaining his wishes and was immediately transferred to New York City where he joined the Destroyer Escort named "The Courier." They shipped out of New Orleans to the Mediterranean, where they remained until the invasion of southern France in 1944.

After the beachhead in France was established and the land war in Europe began, his group was sent to the Pacific theater to fight the Japanese. Jim remained on the Courier for the entirety of the war and was involved in the major engagements of Iwo Jima, Saipan, Guam, and Okinawa. When the war ended, his ship accepted a

Japanese surrender off of the island of Truk, which supported the largest Japanese naval base in the Pacific at the time.

After the Japanese surrender, James was transferred to Houston, Texas where he was discharged in February of 1946. He had attained the rank of Petty Officer, First Class.

James has been married 40 years to his wife Doris. He has two children. James is a resident of Dallas County.



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## GRAND MARSHAL

### Jerry Yellin (Born February 15, 1924)

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In 1942, two months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Captain Jerry Yellin volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Corps on his 18th birthday. Jerry graduated from Luke Air Field as a fighter pilot in August of 1943. He spent the remainder of the war flying P-40, P-47 and P-51 combat missions in the Pacific with the 78th Fighter Squadron.

Captain Yellin participated in the first land-based fighter mission over Japan on April 7, 1945. He also has the unique distinction of having flown the final combat mission of World War II on August 14, 1945 – the day the war ended. On that mission, his wing-man, Phillip Schlamborg, was the last man killed in combat during WWII.

After the war, Jerry went on to write about his experiences during World War II and is the author of numerous books including *Of War and Weddings*, *The Blackened Canteen*, *The Resilient Warrior*, and *The Letter*. His books can be purchased through his website: [www.captainjerryellin.com](http://www.captainjerryellin.com)

Jerry is currently working on a feature film about his life titled "The Last Man Standing." This documentary will explore Jerry's experiences coming

to terms with the War and his Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Currently in production, the film will be submitted to various film festivals including Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

On June 23, Jerry's wife Helene recently passed away after 65 years of marriage. They had four children together. Donations can be made here: <http://captainjerryellin.com/home/>

For press inquires, please contact [tracy@lightfinderpr.com](mailto:tracy@lightfinderpr.com)







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**GRAND MARSHAL**  
**Morris Paulk (Born August 17, 1924)**

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Morris joined the US Army Air Corps Engineers in March of 1943, and his first posting was to St. Louis for basic training. Morris always wanted to fly. He applied to the Army Air Corps Cadet, and he was accepted and began training in September of 1943 at the University Denver. There he began training as a bombardier-navigator. On July 21, 1944 he graduated from the Air Cadet program.

After graduation, Morris was assigned to the 9th AF, 386TH Bomber Group, 553 Bomb Squadron and trained for three more months in Louisiana. In November, Morris received orders to go to Scotland. After a month in Scotland, the 386th Bomber Group moved to Beaumont Air Field outside of Paris. In February 1945, Morris and the 386th began combat operations. Missions included deep strike bombing attacks in Germany targeting railroads, bridges, fuel depots, and other enemy infrastructure. Morris flew his final mission on April 20, 1945. Germany surrendered a few weeks later on May 8, 1945. His unit immediately started training for missions against Japan.

Fortunately, the war in Japan came to an end before he was transferred to the Pacific theater.

After the war ended, Morris waited three months for orders to return home. He spent this three months in France, visiting Paris often. On October 18, 1945 he returned to the United States and on January 19, 1946 he received his honorable discharge. He and his wife Alma settled in North Texas, where he lives to this day.

Alma passed away in September of 2001. Morris married Jeanne Kalahar Paulk six years ago, and has a stepdaughter and stepson with Jeanne.



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**GRAND MARSHAL**  
**Barbara Park (Born February 14, 1920)**

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Barbara was a 4th Grade teacher when World War II began. After Pearl Harbor, Barbara's mother inspired her to join the Coast Guard. Barbara's mother was in the Navy in World War I and Barbara said her mother loved the Navy and bragged about her service for 20 years. Barbara wanted to do the same! After her initial training, she began her duties in Chicago. She helped in the sale of war bonds and assisted in public relations efforts in Chicago. This involved meeting many celebrities of the time including Jack Benny and Bing Crosby.

By the end of the war, she had been promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade. Barbara credits her rapid promotion in the Coast Guard to her "luckiest dumb accident" of picking the short line for the Coast Guard vs. the long line of the Navy when volunteering for service.

After the war, Barbara stayed in Chicago and studied theater at Northwestern University. There she met her future husband, Glenn.

Her husband was a petroleum engineer and they lived in five different countries including Venezuela, Peru, Columbia, France, and the United Kingdom over the course of 20 years. They settled in Dallas and Barbara described her time in Dallas as the happiest years of her life. Barbara and Glenn have a son and daughter.





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Photograph of a public statue of a Sailor Kissing a Nurse by Gail Shumway. The statue is based on the V-J Day in Times Square photograph by Alfred Eisenstaedt, which was published in "Life" in 1945 after the end of WWII.



# Mayor's Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/CITY OF DALLAS



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Veterans Day began with the armistice of World War I, making this the 96th anniversary of that solemn event; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Dallas are indebted to the courageous men and women who placed their lives in harms way for our country; and

**WHEREAS**, Dallas honors the men and women who proudly served in World War II. This year marks the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II. World War II was fought between the Allied Powers consisting of the United States, Great Britain, Canada, France, China, the Soviet Union and the Axis Powers of Germany, Japan and Italy; and

**WHEREAS**, 16 million Americans served in World War II and 416,000 of those Americans made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives for the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today; and

**WHEREAS**, there are only 855,000 World War II veterans still living, with 492 passing each day; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Dallas would like to thank these veterans for their sacrifice, steadfast patriotism, and exemplification of the American values of hard work, personal responsibility and commitment to the greater good; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation will produce an appropriate ceremony on Veterans Day 2015, to honor and salute those who are serving, those who have served and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS**, mayor of the City of Dallas, and on behalf of the Dallas City Council, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 11, 2015 as

### VETERANS DAY

in Dallas, Texas.

  
Mayor, The City of Dallas





# Parade Participants



1st Cavalry Division . . . . .	Color Guard	Dallas Chapter
Parade Theme banner. . . . .	70th Anniversary of end of World War II	DCCCD veterans
Grand Marshall . . . . .	Charlie Alford, USA	Dallas ISD . . . . .
Grand Marshall . . . . .	Will Nealy, USA	Dallas ISD . . . . .
Grand Marshall . . . . .	RV Burgin, USMC	Dallas ISD . . . . .
Grand Marshall . . . . .	Jim Henderson, USN	Dallas ISD . . . . .
Grand Marshall . . . . .	Jerry Yellin, USAAF	Dallas ISD . . . . .
Grand Marshall . . . . .	Morris Paulk, USAAF	Dallas ISD . . . . .
Grand Marshall . . . . .	Dorothy Park, USCG	Dallas ISD . . . . .
WWII Veteran . . . . .	Dale Nelson	Dallas ISD . . . . .
1st Cavalry Division . . . . .	Division Band	Dallas ISD . . . . .
1st Cavalry Division Troops . . . . .	3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team	Dallas ISD . . . . .
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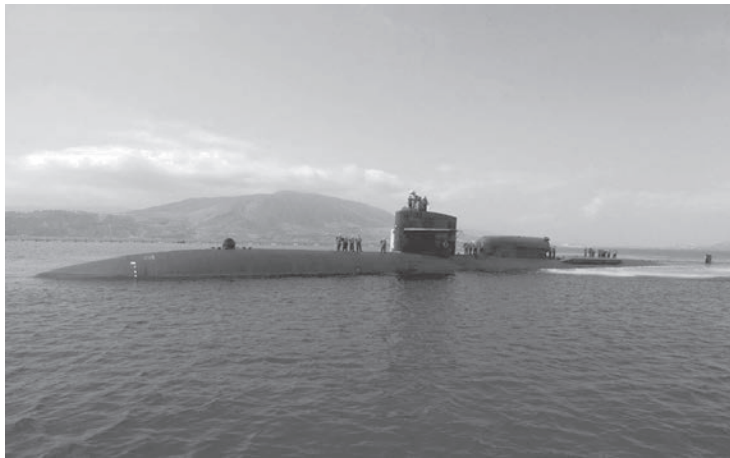
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The Second World War was a war that touched virtually every part of the world from 1939 to 1945. It was fought between the Allied Powers and the Axis Powers. The Allies were comprised of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, the Soviet Union, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South Africa and Yugoslavia. The Axis Powers, consisted of Germany, Italy, Japan, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. This was the largest and costliest war in the history of humanity. There were an estimated 85 million deaths including more than 11 million Holocaust victims. The war came to an end on 8 May 1945 in Europe upon the surrender of Germany and on 15 August 1945 when Japan surrendered to the Allies.



The United States entered the war after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. Millions of American men and women volunteered to serve after the attack. This generation of American men and women went on to be described as “The Greatest Generation.” They had a selfless commitment to defend the American way of life and liberate people from evil. They literally saved the world and went on to create this great country we live in today.

Americans fought around the globe including battle fronts in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Atlantic and the Pacific. They fought on and under the oceans, in the skies, and on the land. They went on to form the greatest military force in the world, a tradition that continues to this day.

Domestically, the United States served as the factory of the Allied war effort. Industrial production in the United States nearly doubled, 17 million new civilian jobs were created, and new technologies were developed that we continue to

use to this day. By 1944, two thirds of all Allied war materials were produced in the United States.

As we commemorate the 70th anniversary ending this great conflict, we honor the current living veterans and the more than 16 million American military service members who fought in this human story of world war. We especially give honor to the more than 407,000 men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedom and liberties we enjoy today.

Also to be honored are the millions of men and women who were on the home front working endless hours in the armament, munitions and military supply industries and the millions of other Americans who contributed to the overall war effort.

Please read the following article by noted historian and author, Larry Alexander. We on the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee believe Mr. Alexander’s article is an excellent tribute to the men and women who served our nation during World War II.





## FREEDOM'S FIGHTERS

Forrest Guth stepped from the protection of an enclosed all-terrain vehicle and into the brisk November wind. Stretched out before him as far as he could see were 9,387 white headstones, in straight military rows.

The day was Nov. 5, 2008, at the U.S. military cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, which overlooks the sandy expanse of Omaha Beach where so many of the men buried here fell.

At 87, Guth – a veteran of Easy Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division – was making his final visit to this hallowed ground to pay tribute to a fallen friend. Like Guth, Terence “Salty” Harris had been a member of the famous “Band of Brothers.” Except he jumped into France on D-Day, ahead of the rest of the division as a Pathfinder, assigned to light up the airborne unit’s drop zone. Whether or not he succeeded is uncertain; his body was recovered just a few days later, on June 18, 1944.

**“WE WERE YOUNG, AND WE EXPECTED SOME PEOPLE NOT TO MAKE IT, SO IT WASN’T AS MUCH OF A SHOCK AS IT MAYBE SHOULD’VE BEEN,”** said Guth, standing by a white cross etched with Salty’s name.  
**“BUT WE DID MISS HIM. I STILL MISS HIM.”**

Nine months later, Guth himself made what paratroopers call the “final jump,” and now rests in Arlington National Cemetery.

THIS MONTH, as the United States and the rest of the world observe the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, we honor the Americans buried at Normandy and in 14 other overseas cemeteries, as well as graveyards large and small nationwide.

Just as importantly, we pay tribute to those still among us. According to the National World War II Museum, of the approximately 855,000 surviving veterans of the war, we lose

492 each day. By 2020, 75th anniversary of the war’s end, there will be considerably fewer.

Between December 1941 and August 1945, 16 million Americans donned their nation’s uniform to serve both in combat and noncombat roles. It has been estimated that for each man on the front line, it took 12 behind the line to keep him fighting. The Merchant Marines – as well as sailors, soldiers, Coast Guardsmen and Marines serving with supply units or servicing war planes at far-flung air bases – were just as much a part of the final victory as the man toting an M1 or piloting a bomber or fighter.

On the home front, no less a vital role was played by the men and women who remained behind, manning the shops and factories for long hours while churning out the materials of war that ensured success in a global struggle that embroiled 22 nations and consumed an estimated 60 million lives. In the war years that followed the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, we truly became a United States. For perhaps the first time, but hopefully not the last, the entire nation joined hands in a cause much larger than ourselves: freedom for the peoples of the world.

I had the good fortune to be with Forrest Guth that day at Colleville-sur-Mer, as he and I toured battle sites in France, Holland and Belgium where Guth saw action in 1944 and 1945. As a member of the postwar baby boom generation, I have always had a keen interest in military history. Further, as a journalist for a newspaper in Lancaster, Pa., for more than 20 years, I had the honor and opportunity to interview many veterans of nearly every modern conflict, from World War I to Afghanistan. I remain in awe of the sacrifices and hardships these men and women endured, and have worked to preserve many of their stories for posterity.

One need only visit a place like Colleville-sur-Mer to understand why, for it is a solemn but lovingly cared-for place that starkly reminds of the human cost of freedom. Of the 16 million who served, an estimated 405,000 died and 672,000 were wounded. As of January, a total of 73,515 U.S. personnel remain unaccounted for.

I knew and understood all this from my readings and research, but during my 2008 trip I came face to face with that grim reality.

Earlier in the day I had stood alone on Omaha Beach, not another person to be seen in any direction. The day was overcast and gray, and the cold, biting wind blowing in off the English Channel sent waves crashing onto the sand. To me, it fit the description of that day in 1944 when the Allied invasion armada sat off shore, its warships pounding German defenses as landing



boats bulging with men and equipment bounced over the wave tops toward the beach. Gazing out at the channel from what was then called Dog White sector, I thought about how men of the 29th Division stormed ashore here, only to see comrades chopped down by German machine-gun and mortar fire pouring forth from stout defenses still visible in the tall bluffs behind me.

OMAHA BEACH was just one location where I took time to reflect on the accomplishments of the greatest generation. I stood in the square at Ste. Mere-Eglise, where men of the 82nd Airborne Division – helpless in their parachutes – drifted down amid German infantry only to be slaughtered while still in their harnesses. I stood in the fields of Holland where, on Sept. 17, 1944, thousands of airborne soldiers in parachutes and gliders descended during Operation Market Garden. I paused in the eerie silence of the woods outside Bastogne in Belgium, surrounded by the still-visible depressions of foxholes that men like Guth had chipped into the frozen earth that cold December.

Standing amid those trees methodically planted in rows, the late William “Wild Bill” Guarnere told me how he could still hear those shells screaming in and men hollering for a medic.

Next, I visited the basement office once occupied by Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, who commanded the 101st during the battle. Seeing where he composed his famous “Nuts” reply to the German ultimatum for surrender, I thought of the courage of the soldiers who held the line against the Nazi onslaught.

My efforts to memorialize their deeds seem feeble, however, compared to the remembrances of the men themselves.

Harold W. Billow was 21 when the Germans launched what would be known as the Battle of the Bulge on Dec. 16, 1944. A day later, he and his comrades of Battery B, 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion were in a convoy of jeeps and trucks en route to the Belgian town of St. Vith

when they ran head-on into tanks and half-tracks of Kampfgruppe Peiper at the crossroad village of Baugnez. Captured and herded into a field with 130 other men, Billow stood there helpless as he watched two of the SS troopers set up a pair of machine guns atop a tank. Then an officer rolled up in a staff car, stood and drew his pistol.

**“HE SHOT A GUY TO THE RIGHT OF ME,”** Billow says. **“THEN HE SHOT A GUY TO MY LEFT.”**

The officer yelled a command to the two Germans on the tank and “they opened up where all us guys were standing,” Billow recalls.

Like many others, he instinctively dropped to the snow-covered ground and played dead, barely breathing as Germans walked among the bodies and shot men in the head if there was any sign of life. As he lay there, Billow thought, “I hope I survive so I can tell people what they did to us.”

Billow made it home, but 87 of his comrades did not. While he remembers a “big celebration” with “people dancing and hugging” while he was in Manchester, England, when Germany surrendered on May 8, 1945, his thoughts were more somber when Japan did the same on Aug. 14.

**“I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW LUCKY I WAS TO BE ALIVE,”** Billow, 92, told me.

He says he’s still haunted by the events of that December day in 1944, and every year on the Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Veterans Day he puts 87 miniature U.S. flags on his lawn.

**“I SEE IT ALL AS CLEARLY AS IF IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY,”** Billow says. **“I THINK ABOUT THOSE MEN EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE.”**





AMONG THE MEN who returned home after the guns were silenced, remembrances are strongest of those who sacrificed all for victory.

Marlin "Whitey" Groft was an original member of the 1st Marine Raider Battalion, also known as Edson's Raiders. Storming Tulagi in the Solomon Islands on Aug. 7, 1942, Whitey lost his best friend Kenneth Bowers, with whom he had sworn a blood oath just prior to hitting the beach.

During the fighting on Guadalcanal, Groft and about 800 other men – Raiders and the 1st Marine Parachute Battalion – stood their ground against more than 4,000 Japanese determined to retake the island. The result was a desperate battle that became known as the fight for Edson's Ridge, or Bloody Ridge. Groft's memories of that fight – of bayoneting men during hand-to-hand nighttime combat, and being forced to listen as a captured buddy was tortured to death within earshot – are still vivid.

After the dissolution of the Raiders in early 1944, Groft served with the 22nd Marines, where he saw combat on

Okinawa. When the war ended, he was in Guam, preparing for the invasion of the Japanese home islands with thousands of other troops.

**"WE ALL THANKED THE LORD WE WERE SPARED,"**  
he says of news of the Japanese surrender.  
**"KNOWING I HAD, BY THE GRACE OF GOD,**  
**SURVIVED, MY THOUGHTS AGAIN TURNED**  
**TO MY DEPARTED BUDDIES, THOSE LOST FROM THE**  
**TIME OF OUR LANDING ON TULAGI TO THE**  
**INVASION OF OKINAWA."**

Guth, before he died, often said the same.

**"THE WAR STAYS WITH YOU,"** he told me.

**"IT NEVER GOES AWAY, ALTHOUGH THE PASSING OF**  
**YEARS SOFTENS THINGS. I THINK ABOUT**  
**THE FELLAS, ESPECIALLY THE ONES WE LOST. A LOT**  
**OF THEM WERE GOOD FRIENDS."**

Again, freedom isn't free, a truth driven home to me on that visit to the cemetery at Normandy. Those silent rows of markers tell stories of personal sorrow and grief, selfless courage, and devotion to duty, comrades and country.



To our good fortune, when challenges and danger have arisen, there have been courageous men and women willing to risk their lives and their futures to preserve our way of life for future generations. Is there any better example than the greatest generation? Let us thank them, honor them and listen to them while they are still with us.

God bless them all.



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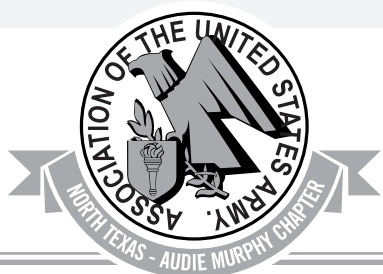




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- 2nd Place: Cedar Hill High School, Air Force Jrotc
- 3rd Place: Skyline High School 11th Battalion, Army Jrotc

### High School Bands:

- 1st Place: Sunset High School, Purple Marching Machine Band
- 2nd Place: Coppell High School Marching Band
- 3rd Place: Wilmer Hutchings High School Marching Music Band

### Military Units

- 1st Place: University of Texas at Arlington, Sam Houston Rifles Drill Team
- 2nd Place: 504th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade
- 3rd Place: Fort Hood Color Guard

### Veterans Organizations

- 1st Place: American Legion Post 218, Irving
- 2nd Place: Wells Fargo Bank, Veterans Team Member Network
- 3rd Place: American Legion Post 275 Cockell Hill

### Patriotic Units/Floats

- 1st Place: Red Path Warrior Society
- 2nd Place: Patriot Paws
- 3rd Place: Highland Park Masonic Lodge

### Parade Spirit

- 1st Place: Lone Star Model T's for Wounded Warriors
- 2nd Place: Coppell Fire Department's Marching Pipes and Drums
- 3rd Place: H-I Hummer (Paul Gabriel)

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- 1st Place: Seagoville High School Drill Team
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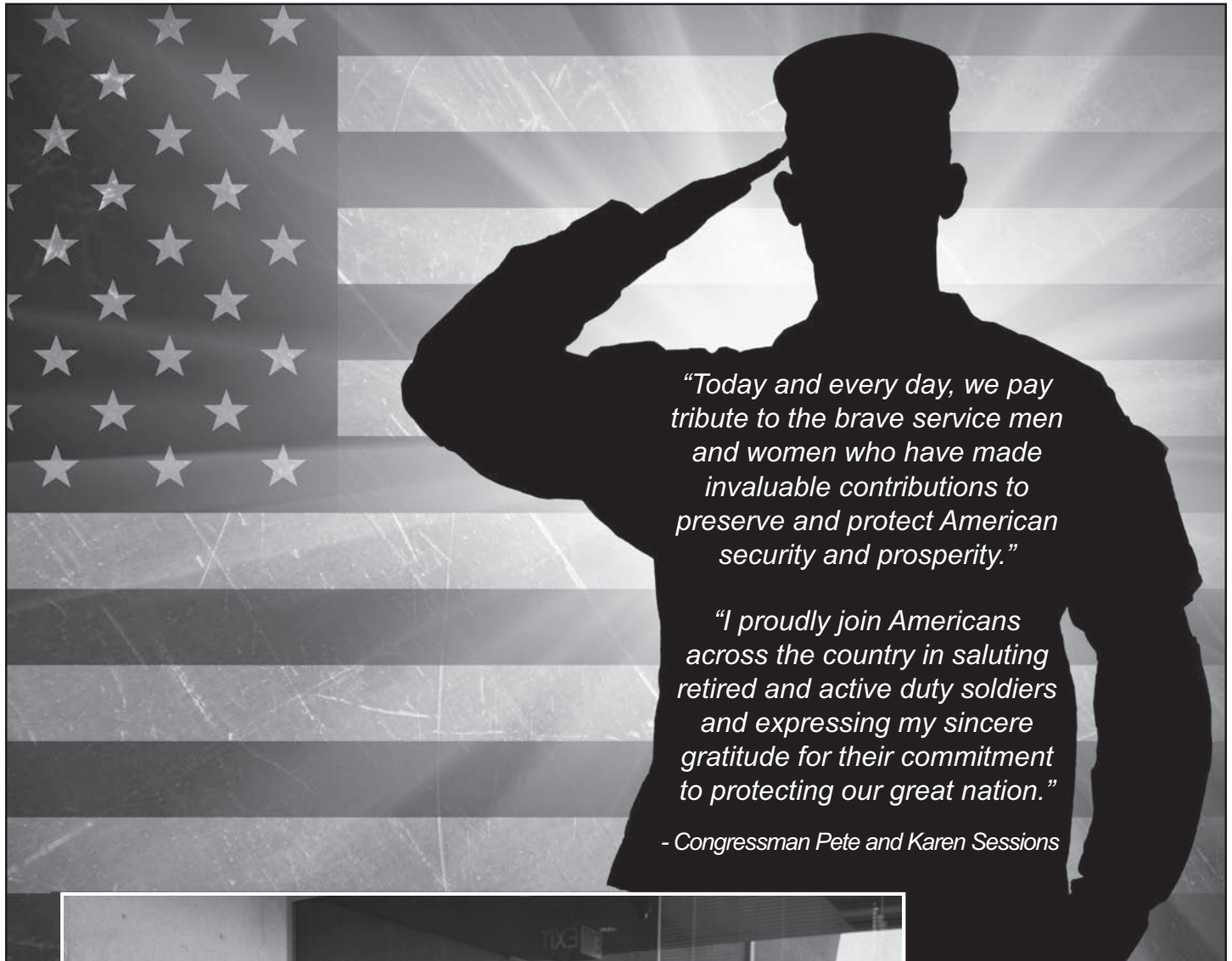
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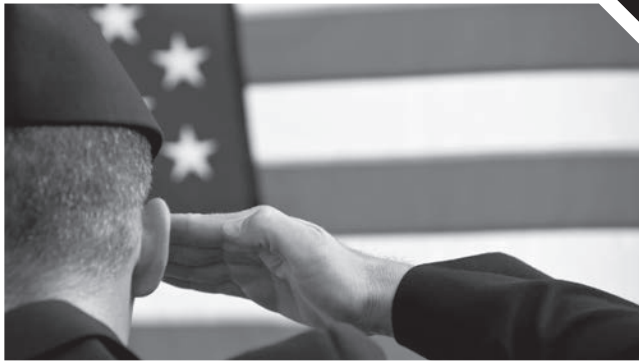


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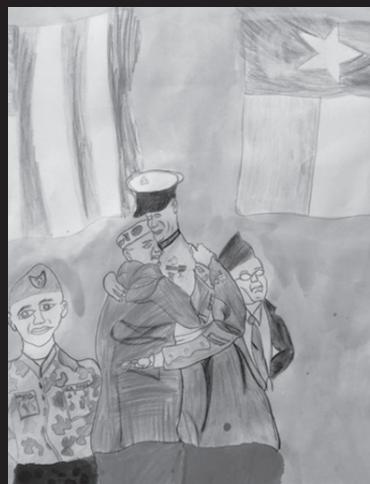
The Dallas Veterans Day Parade Committee and the Dallas Independent School District work together every year to inform students of Veterans' contributions to our country. The Veterans Day Art Competition acquaints DISD students with the history and purpose of Veterans Day. Currently there are 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in four divisions: Grades 1-3, 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The winning pieces will be shown on Veterans Day in the Flag Room at Dallas City Hall. They will later be shown at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field during November.

## 2014 WINNERS

Grade	Place	Student Name	School	Teacher Name
1-3	1st Place	Kevin Carrasco	Henry B Gonzalez Elem.	Julie Blissingame
	2nd Place	Gesselle Trevizo	Celestino M Soto, Jr Elem.	Betty Waters
	3rd Place	Valentina Alvarez	George Peabody Elem.	Christie Holbert
4-5	1st Place	Samuel Rosario	San Jacinto Elem.	Angela Belanich
	2nd Place	Alexis Peralta	Nancy Moseley Elem.	Sabrina Ogle
	3rd Place	Rebecca Romero	Martha Turner Reilly Elem.	Julie Roland
6-8	1st Place	Jose Campos	WE Greiner Expl. Arts Acad.	JoAnna Henry
	2nd Place	Angelica Salazar	WE Greiner Expl. Arts Acad.	Joanna Henry
	3rd Place	Yaricza Mojica	John B Hood MS	Maggy Kalka
	Hon. Mention	Desiree Villarreal	WE Greiner Expl. Arts Acad.	JoAnna Henry
9-12	1st Place	Autumn Reuben	WT White HS	Noemi Beltran
	2nd Place	Juante Clark	WT White HS	Noemi Beltran
	3rd Place	Francisco Cano	Skyline HS	Sonny Walter



Winner Grades 1-3: Kevin Carrasco



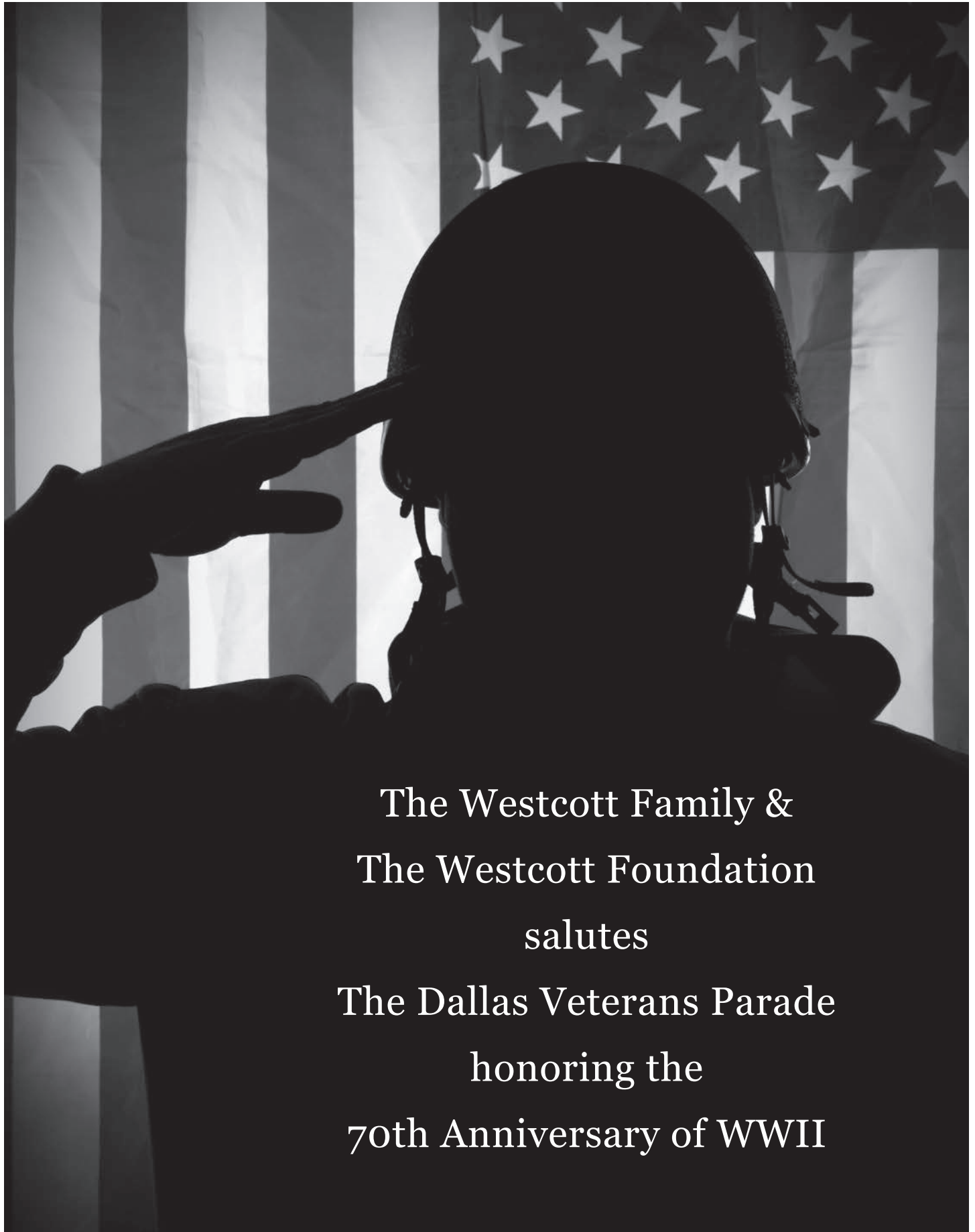
Grades 4-5  
Winner:  
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Grades 6-8 Winner: Jose Campos



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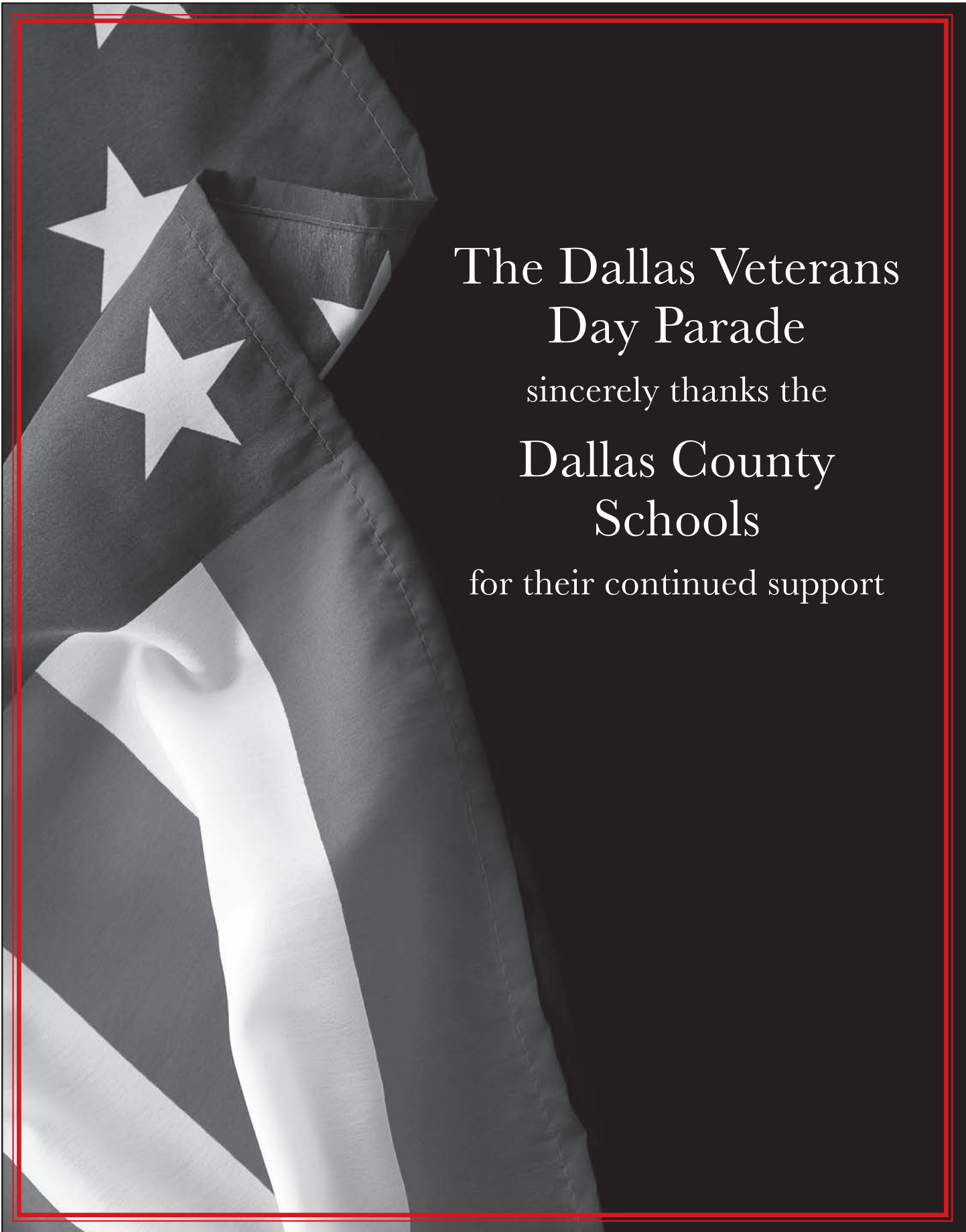
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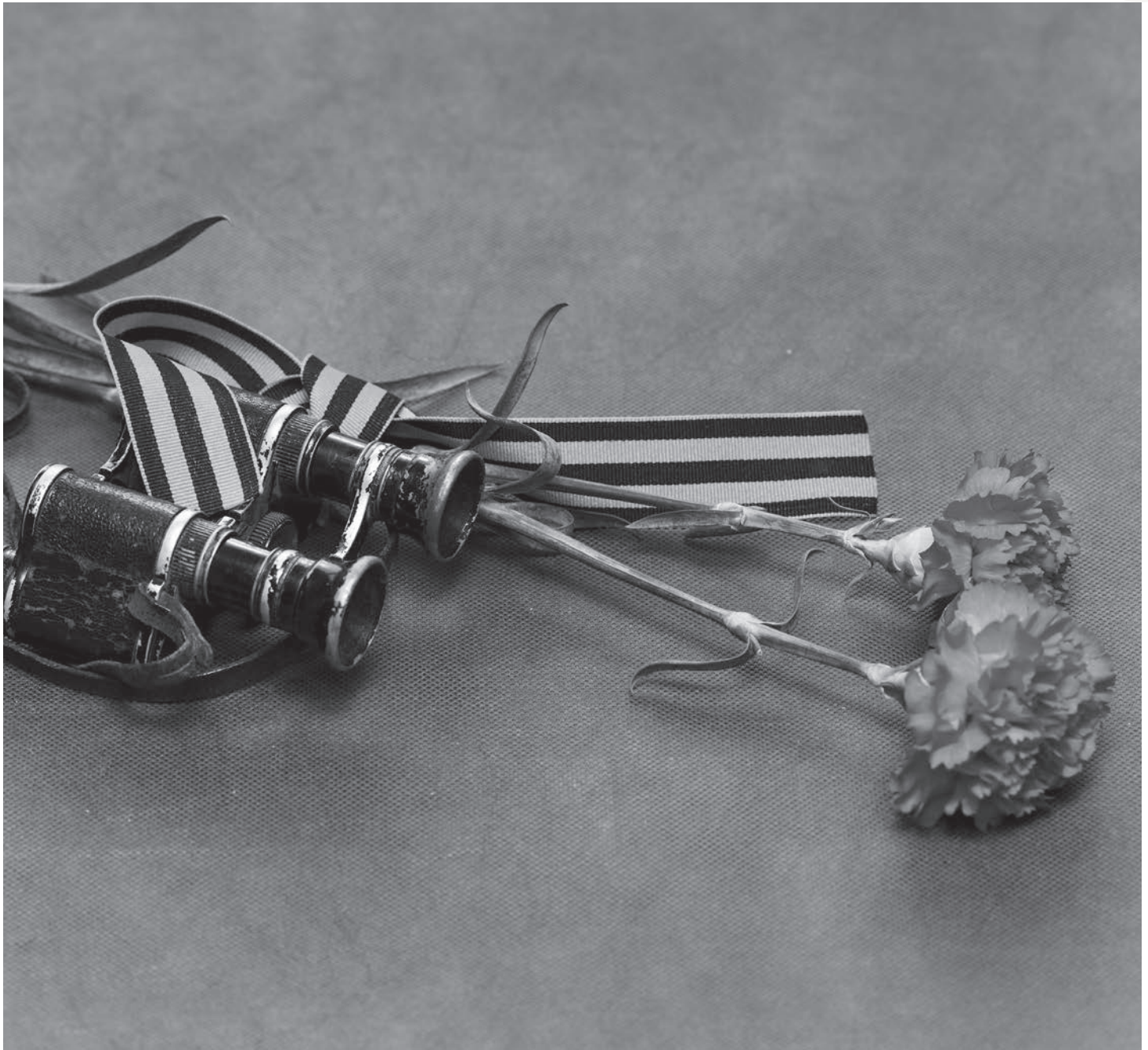


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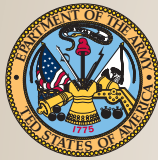
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