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Military heroes to be honored at City of Baldwin Park's 27th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

Baldwin Park, CA (November 8, 2018) – As cities nationwide prepare to honor their military on November 11, officials from the City of Baldwin Park are excited to recognize the local veterans that will be the distinguished guests at the event on Veterans Day, November 11.

On Sunday, November 11, Baldwin Park will commemorate its 27th Annual Veterans Day ceremony in the Cesar E. Chavez Amphitheater at Morgan Park, 4100 Baldwin Park Blvd. The 1 p.m. event is expected to host an estimated 300 people, including Baldwin Park veterans and their loved ones. Mayor Manuel Lozano, said “this event is an opportunity to recognize the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces or are actively defending our freedom.” He goes on to invite the community to join him in recognizing the local heroes.

In particular, the City will be recognizing veteran Miguel Angel Gutierrez, a twelve-year servicemen for the United States Army, and Captain Jacqueline Salas, who has served with the United States Air Force since 2014 at Sunday’s ceremony.

Veterans Day is a holiday held on the anniversary of the end of World War I (November 11) to honor United States veterans from all military branches, as well as victims of all wars. It has been a national holiday since 1938. “Here in Baldwin Park, we continue to pay tribute to our hometown heroes with this 27 year old tradition of honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in freedom”, added the Mayor.

On tap for the weekend ceremony are a few traditions unique to military recognitions. Those who attend the Veterans Day ceremony in Baldwin Park should expect to witness the Presentation of Colors, a 21-gun salute and a special parachute demonstration by members of the Golden Stars Skydivers, who will cascade into Morgan Park as part of the event, organizers noted.

The local Baldwin Park heroes will be honored with a special plaque and recognition from local and state officials.

Officials said that, while the event highlights our local military heroes, it also honors those military heroes who never returned home. A special POW-MIA remembrance table will be set up so that loved ones may leave a memento of military personnel who were left missing in action. Military guests are also invited to dress in uniform, and for all community members to bring memorabilia that they would like to share at the Veteran Memorabilia Exhibit that will be set-up at the event reception inside the Julia McNeil Family Service Center to honor the service of men and women.

The Veterans Day ceremony is memorable for military veterans, but it also serves as a celebration for honorees' family members and friends.

"Families are really appreciative because they're so proud of their family member," added Manuel Carrillo Jr., Director of Recreation and Community Services. "It's about highlighting these special individuals in our community, and basically giving them thanks for protecting our community and protecting us and putting their life at risk for us."

"It's a proud feeling that they're from Baldwin Park."

For more information on the Veterans Day Ceremony, contact Yuriko Ruizesparza at (626) 813-5245, Ext.268, or via e-mail at yruizesparza@baldwinpark.com.

About Baldwin Park

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