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Travis County and the City of Austin Host the 2012 Veterans Day Parade Downtown Austin November 11th

AUSTIN – This Veterans Day, Travis County and the City of Austin will be hosting the 2012 Veterans Day Parade honoring Veterans of Travis County and the City of Austin with a special tribute to Vietnam era Veterans in downtown Austin. The event kicks-off at 9:00 AM from the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge and proceeds up to the Texas State Capitol.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Day National Committee, has selected Travis County and the City of Austin as a National Regional Site for this 2012 Veterans Day celebration. A special flyover is scheduled to be performed by the Commemorative Air Force from San Marcos, Texas.

This year's Grand Marshal is former Navy Seal Michael Thornton, a combat Vietnam Veteran and recipient of numerous awards including the Congressional Medal of Honor, three Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart. Honorees for the parade are retired Army Veteran Marvin Olson, Navy Veteran Joel Lehman, Air Force Veteran James Farmer, Marine Veteran Armando Ybarra, and Coast Guard Veteran James Farmer.

Major General John F. Nichols, Texas Adjutant General, and members of the Texas Military Forces will be participating in the parade and World War II Veterans and Honor Flight participants from Texas will be riding on board the Fox 7 Care Force float in honor of their service.

Immediately following the parade, a commemoration program will honor the Veterans of Travis County and the City of Austin with a special tribute to Vietnam era Veterans on the south steps of the state capitol. For more information regarding the 2012 Veterans Day Parade and registering to participate, please visit <http://www.nov11.org/default.asp>.

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