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Please join us at the Anthem Veterans Memorial, Saturday, November 11 to celebrate our veterans, the men and women who serve currently in the armed forces and their respective families. It is a day to wear red, white and blue, to wave your flags and to show thanks.

Special Tributes:

- Wreath presentation: 9: 50, followed by invocation and singing of the National Anthem.
- 70th Anniversary of the armistice to end the Korean War.
- 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War with pre-ceremony U.S 50th Commemoration pinning 9:15-9:45 for all who served from November 1, 1955-May 15, 1975 and surviving spouses.
- 50th Anniversary of the Naval Women Aviators.
- The United States Coast Guard, the longest continuously operating naval service in the United States.

Keynote Address: CWO Michael Tapp (USCG, Retired)

Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Michael Tapp served in the United States Coast Guard for 27 years. His assignments at Coast Guard stations around the country included search and rescue, law enforcement and boarding officer. While doing so he was a recognized for having saved numerous lives.

CWO Tapp served on the high seas aboard Coast Guard cutters and naval vessels where he led military and homeland security operations and illegal drug and migrant interdiction operations while enforcing U.S. law and international treaties. As well, he held command of Coast Guard units charged with establishing and maintaining the nation's navigation-aid infrastructure domestically along the west coast and the Great Lakes.

Among his formal awards, CWO Tapp is a permanent Cutterman for his years of service abroad and at sea. He has been formally awarded the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Tapp completed an undergraduate degree in Homeland Security Studies at American Military University and in 2022 completed his graduate work in Leadership and Human Resources at Michigan State University. After a twenty-seven-year career in the Coast Guard, Chief Warrant Officer Tapp retired and entered the civilian workforce, taking a position with the Judicial Branch of Arizona in emergency and threat management. He now works for the Patriot Support Program of Universal Health Services (UHS) where he currently serves as a liaison and advocate for active-duty service members and veterans in need of behavioral health services.

PRE-CEREMONY FESTIVITIES! Starting at 8:15 a.m.

- **Breakfast** available for purchase. Tennessee Grill, USMC veteran owned.
- **Youth for Troops Charitable Drive** for holiday helpers and deployed troops. Bring small items for troops and children/teen holiday gifts (Gift cards make great teen stocking stuffers). Help decorate cards/boxes.
- Music and Videos by Musical Theatre of Anthem, Operation Song....
- 9:15 - US 50th **Anniversary Vietnam War era pinning.** ALL those who served from November 1, 1955-May 15, 197 and their surviving spouses. By LED screen, North Lawn.

AVM Parking Lot Open **ONLY** to ADA, security/first responders and ceremony participants.

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