



# VETERANS DAY PARADE

## *Saluting Buffalo Soldiers*

2022

## *News Release*

### *Vets Day Parade Theme Set*

**FORT WORTH, Texas** – “Saluting Buffalo Soldiers” is the theme of this year’s Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade to step off on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. Participants will form up in the Fort Worth Panther Island Pavilion parking lot, march down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River and return.

In 1887, Congress created the first professional African American Army units. The men of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, and the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry, served with pride and courage. They were stationed in Texas from 1867-1886 before moving further west. Eventually, they became known as “Buffalo Soldiers.”

Although months away, The Tarrant County Veterans Council is busy planning for this special event. A parade website has launched (<https://www.fw2022parade.org>) and the parade committee is soliciting support from individuals and organizations across North Texas for this year’s celebration.

“Everyone can join in our salute to Buffalo Soldiers and all military veterans who have, are and will continue to make great contributions,” notes Parade Chairman Ken Cox. “Simply visit our website where you can learn how to support, volunteer and take part.

“Will you consider joining this year’s festivities?” Cox asks. “If you’re not available, please help us spread the word. Hope y’all can join our Cowtown salute on Veterans Day 2022.”

Fort Worth’s annual Veterans Day celebration began more than 100 years ago as an armistice procession through downtown in 1919 to honor those who had fought in World War I.

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Ala., sought to expand Armistice Day to salute all veterans. Weeks led a delegation to then Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of a national Veterans Day. Weeks led the first celebration in 1947 and annually until his death in 1985.

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Parade website: [HOME | 2022 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade \(fw2022parade.org\)](https://www.fw2022parade.org)

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If you're not able to take part in our Veterans Day salute, your help in getting the word out across North Texas would be greatly appreciated.

If you wish not to receive email updates about our parade efforts, simply reply "Unsubscribe," or email other comments to [bruceznyc@gmail.com](mailto:bruceznyc@gmail.com).

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