



Perris Press Release

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Veteran's Day Parade Celebrates 100 Years of Freedom

"Celebrating 100 Years of Freedom" is the theme for the City of Perris' annual Veterans Day Parade this Saturday.

The parade features restored World War II Jeeps, other classic vehicles, bands, dance groups, an honor guard from March Air Reserve Base, representatives from the American Civil War Society and a double-decker bus carrying veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, who served as a radar-operator in the Navy, will serve as grand marshal.

The Veterans Day Parade is another in a series of celebrations honoring the Centennial of Perris.

The City was a thriving community before March Field was established in 1918 and prides itself on strong ties to the military.

"We owe our veterans a great deal," Mayor Busch said. "It is important to acknowledge them for the service they have given to our country. So many people in all branches have served in our military, including many Perris residents. It is an honor to be selected as grand marshal of the parade and I am looking forward to it."

Pre-parade entertainment begins at 9:15 a.m. Saturday and the event itself begins at 10 a.m. The parade begins on D Street north of Fourth Street and proceeds north to San Jacinto Avenue. The parade route turns east onto San Jacinto, where the judging and announcing stands are located. Free spectator parking is available at Foss Field Park, 138 North Perris Blvd. A complimentary U.S. flag and t-shirt will be given to the first 300 spectators.

Perris Mayor Pro-Tem Joanne Evans, who served in the Marines, said she will attend the parade wearing her military camouflage.

She said the City has much to celebrate—and remember—in 2011.

"It's our Centennial, it's the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and our troops are coming home from Iraq," Evans said. "We have our freedom and democracy because of our veterans. I think today too many people take those things for granted and I think that is wrong."



Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, seen at last year's Veterans Day Parade, has been selected grand marshal for Saturday's 2011 parade.