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City of Perris Celebrates Military History, Honors Veterans

Floats, marching bands, honor and color guards, classic vehicles, the unveiling of a historic mural and a flyover of vintage aircraft highlighted the annual City of Perris' annual Veterans Day Parade Nov. 12. The parade honors the service and sacrifice of the nation's and City's military veterans who have fought in wars all over the world. Perris has more than a century supporting its military and City elected officials highlighted the appearance of dignitaries in the 2016 parade.



Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, a former Navy shipboard radar operator, surveys the crowd as he drives along the parade route during the Nov. 12 Veterans Day Parade. "A lot of veterans served without fanfare and came home with no special recognition. It's a pleasure to be here on this day to honor and recognize them," he said.

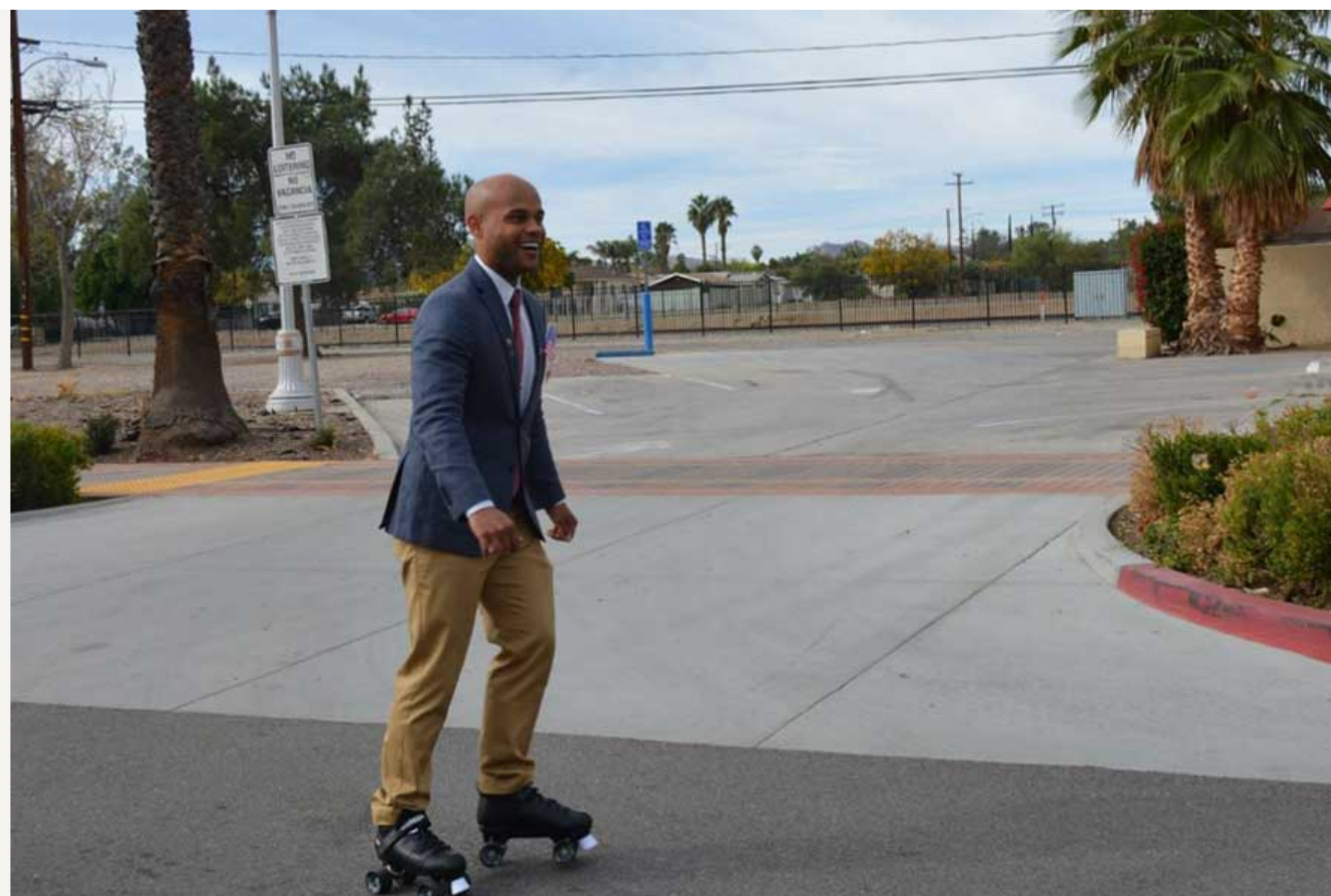


Perris Mayor-elect Michael Vargas waves to the crowd during the annual City of Perris Veterans Day Parade. "This is a great event to honor our veterans who have dedicated their lives to keeping us safe. I can't think of a better way to honor their service and sacrifice."



Mayor Pro Tem Rita Rogers stands next to her grandson, Jordan, and City Councilwoman Tonya Burke in front of a mural depicting the history of the military in Perris. Rogers called the parade a "wonderful way to honor our veterans, our heroes, the people who put their lives on the line for our freedom. The City of Perris has always supported a veterans parade to honor the people who are really important to us."

Burke, whose father served in the Air Force, said the City is committed to expanding its outreach and efforts to take care of its veterans. "It is so important to recognize the men and women who serve and protect our country. We are most interested in addressing concerns and providing services for our veterans."



Perris City Councilman David Starr Rabb, a Navy veteran of the Global War on Terror, roller skates Down D Street during the annual Veterans Day Parade. "It's great that the City of Perris honors all its veterans from World War II to the current conflicts. We are committed to providing services for our veterans so they can become productive residents of our City."



Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough drives a 1956 Volvo P1900 in the annual Veterans Day Parade. Riding with him are sons, Schuyler, a Marine Corps veteran, and Garrett, who served in the Air Force. "We celebrate our veterans because these are the people who allow us to have our independence. This parade is for the ones who have made the ultimate sacrifice and the ones still living who have given us our freedom."



City Councilman-elect Malcom Corona rides in his first Veterans Day Parade in Perris. "Our veterans have served us for so long. This is a small token for our City to commemorate their service."

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