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Veterans Memorial and Memorial Park Dedication Slated for November 11 in Plano

The City of Plano has slated the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial and the renovated Memorial Park for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11 – Veterans Day. The public is invited to attend this ceremony which honors veterans who served our country, and will feature the unveiling of the sculpture *Sacrifice*. Memorial Park is located at 2101 Bay Hill Drive, near the intersection of Spring Creek Parkway and Custer Road.

One of two keynote speakers is U.S. House of Representative Sam Johnson. As a former POW, Colonel Johnson will also assist with the raising of the POW-MIA flag amongst the flags of the United States, State of Texas, City of Plano, and branches of military service. Once raised, the flags will remain a permanent part of the park and Veterans Memorial.

The other keynote speaker is Colonel Mark Toal, United States Marine Corps and commander of the 8th Marine Corps District. Colonel Toal will speak about past veterans and how the present generation of veterans have performed.

Artist David Newton will be present to personally dedicate his sculpture, *Sacrifice*, which depicts military service as well as the impact it has on families. The artwork was commissioned in 2006 by the Public Art Committee as a part of the City's Public Art Program. *Sacrifice* consists of two monumental groups of figures in bronze: one group is a family saying farewell to a service man whose comrade-in-arms waits nearby; the second group shows a medical corpsman rendering aid to a fallen soldier, as another soldier watches over them both. (*Photos included*)

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Also included in the ceremony will be Mayor Pat Evans and other Plano City Councilmembers; bagpiper Don Shannon; members of the Thomas Elementary Honor Choir; Plano Junior ROTC program Color Guard; Sons of the American Revolution; Knights of Columbus; Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion; Michael Coleman, former chair of the Public Art Committee; U.S. Navy Chaplain Rich Stoglin; the Patriot Guard; and the Plano Police Department Honor Guard.

In the event of inclement weather the ceremony will be held at Hunters' Glen Baptist Church, 4001 Custer Road.



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