

## **News from the City of Dearborn**

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### **Dearborn's Memorial Day Parade is May 26**

*Special tribute paid to those who care for the wounded*

**DEARBORN**, Mich. – The public is invited to attend Dearborn's 84<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Parade. The Parade starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 26, and will proceed along Michigan Avenue from Firestone to Schaefer in east Dearborn.

A Dearborn tradition, the Parade is Michigan's oldest continuous tribute to those who have given their lives while serving in America's armed forces, and the sacrifices made for the sake of freedom.

This year's Parade also features a special tribute to those who care for wounded service men and women. Serving as the Parade's grand marshal will be Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., the Surgeon General of the United States Navy.

To pay tribute to all wounded veterans, the Parade will also have a special guest participant: Duane F. Getzmeyer, 2007-2008 State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Department of Michigan.

The Memorial Day Parade will feature flyovers by modern and historic military aircraft and one of America's best military bands – the U.S. Marine Corps Marine Forces Reserve Band, New Orleans.

Sponsoring the Marine Forces Reserve Band is Dearborn Federal Savings Bank. Transportation of the Marine Band is sponsored by Bianco Tours.

Also participating in the Parade are members of Dearborn's many veterans' organizations, bands from several local schools, youth groups, community service organizations and more.

The Marine Forces Reserve Band will not only march and perform in the Parade, but will also perform in the city's official remembrance service that follows the Parade.

The public is invited to attend the service, which takes place at the Dearborn War Memorial, located on the grounds of Dearborn City Hall.

Aircraft flyovers that are scheduled to take place during the Parade are:

- A flyover of F-16 fighter aircraft from Selfridge Air National Guard Base, which provides the traditional kickoff signal to start the parade.
- The "Yankee Warrior," a restored World War II-era B-25D medium bomber. Now a part of the "Yankee Air Force" which flies out of Willow Run Airport, the Yankee Warrior was flown during World War for bombing missions over Sicily and the Brenner Pass. B-25s fought in all theaters of the war, and are perhaps best known as the aircraft used for the famous "Doolittle Raid" against Japan soon after Pearl Harbor.
- The "Yankee Doodle Dandy," a restored Douglas DC3/C-47, also part of the Yankee Air Force. The DC3/C-47 was one of most-built, and versatile, aircraft of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. More than 13,000 were

constructed, and some served in the 1948 Berlin Airlift. Today, more than 3,500 are still active in private and military service.

- A flight of T-6 aircraft. T-6s were flown in World War II, and later used in the Korean War by Tactical Air Controllers of the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force.

**PHOTO CAPTION:**

Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., the Surgeon General of the United States Navy, will serve as grand marshal of Dearborn's Memorial Day Parade.

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