

Lower Makefield Township Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony

“A SALUTE TO OUR HONORED VETERANS”

YARDLEY, PA - Lower Makefield will host its 15th Annual Veteran’s Day Parade and Ceremony to honor and thank the men and women who have bravely served in the United States Armed Forces to protect our Nation’s liberty and freedom. The Parade will begin **Saturday, November 6th at 1 pm** (rain or shine) starting at Edgewood and Long Acre Road in Lower Makefield Township. The Parade will proceed towards the Veterans Square Monument. Upon conclusion of the parade, there will be a brief ceremony honoring our local Veterans, located at Veterans Square Park at the corner of Edgewood and Heacock Road.

At this year’s ceremony we have a lot to celebrate. This year we will commemorate the 30th anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, welcome home and honor those who served in Afghanistan, and dedicate the 10th bronze Wall of Honor plaque with 90 names of LMT and Yardley veterans. We will also honor our Parade Marshal Capt. Adrian Saguil, a woman, who served 2 tours in Iraq. And we are honoring the life of Dennis Hough, the mason who worked with Chris Escher, our builder, to build the monument.

The Parade will feature different organizations from our community. Leading off the parade will be motorcyclists from the Warriors Watch Riders Troop support group followed by a police cruiser to signal the start of the parade. This year’s participants will include several local Girl Scout troops, Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout Packs. The Parade will include multiple American Legion and V.F.W. organizations being recognized in the parade from our area. There will also be military vehicles being featured in the Parade, as well fire trucks from local fire companies.

The Ceremony will commence when the Parade route concludes at Veterans Square Park.

The Ceremony will include the Pledge of Allegiance led by Suzanne Blundi, Master of Ceremonies, Lower Makefield Township's Board of Supervisors Chairman. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the elite Pennsbury Community Choir along with the Pennsbury High School Marching Band will be playing the National Anthem. There will be a Wreath ceremony concluding the ceremony, led by Kirk Saboda from VFW Post 6393 and Ted Smith from American Legion Post 317. Taps will then be performed by an ensemble from the PHS Marching Band.

Also, at Veterans Square, there will be several hospitality tables. We encourage the attendees to stop by and learn about their positive impact to our community.

Recognizing the tremendous need of personal items for the Homeless Veterans, Participants and Attendees are asked to bring any of the following items to benefit homeless Veterans: Laundry detergent pods, bottled water, hand warmers, ponchos, wash cloths, socks, men's underwear, men's T-shirt's, shaving razors, snack bars and gloves. These items will benefit the Perimeter Program of the Philadelphia Veterans Multi Service Center, which feeds and provides hot showers for 60 to 100 veterans daily (www.vmcenter.org). There will be collection boxes at the end of the parade route and at the Lower Makefield Community Center.

We look forward to honoring our Veterans, along with their Loved ones,

Friends and Community!