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O'CONNELL HONORS VETERANS
Mayor's Worthy Cause Sponsors Tribute to Veterans

Taunton, MA . . . Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell shared plans for a Tribute to Veterans sponsored by the Mayor's Worthy Cause scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2021.

The Mayor's Worthy Cause sponsors a variety of worthwhile endeavors in Taunton including local scholarships and community events. "We are excited to begin planning outdoor events. Starting off with a Tribute to Veterans is the perfect way to kick off our summer events sponsored by the Mayor's Worthy Cause. We're so grateful to our sponsors who are helping to fund this wonderful event," said Mayor O'Connell.

Morton Hospital, Mozzone Lumber and Quality Beverage are supporters of the Mayor's Worthy Cause and were among the first to donate in support of the Tribute to Veterans. These generous donations, along with others from the Greater Taunton Allied Veterans Council and GAR Memorial Trust, as well as a grant from the Taunton Cultural Council, made it possible to host this free community event for Taunton residents.

A committee comprised of members from the community, the Mayor's Office and the Veterans Department has been working together to create an event that will honor veterans, showcase local artists, and provide an opportunity for the community to have some outdoor fun. Commander Eugene McCaffrey, of SGT Shane Duffy American Legion Post 500 of Taunton, is pleased that the Mayor's Worthy Cause is focusing on veterans. "I would like to thank Mayor O'Connell for her support and encourage everyone in Taunton to honor family members who have served and those still serving in the United States Armed Forces, and to continue to show how Taunton has always supported those of us who have served, in war and in peace," said McCaffrey.

The event will run from 11:00am-4:00pm on June 12, 2021. The opening ceremony will begin at 11:00am at the Vietnam War Memorial at Church Green. Additional activities will include the display of military vehicles downtown, an obstacle course event at noon behind City Hall, and patriotic art displays by local artists at Liberty & Union plaza.

Families may purchase a banner with their veterans' photo which will be displayed for several weeks on light posts throughout the downtown area. A subsidy, made available through a generous donation from Taunton residents Bruce and Sandra Thomas, is available for families who are unable to pay for the banner but would like to honor a loved one.

O'Connell praised the City of Taunton for being consistently proactive in support of veterans. "Our local businesses, organizations and residents always answer the call when it comes to supporting our veterans. It is gratifying to know how much our community values veterans and demonstrates appreciation for their service to our country."

For additional information regarding the Tribute to Veterans or to download the application to purchase a banner, please refer to the City of Taunton website (taunton-ma.gov) or Facebook page. Questions may be directed to the Mayor's Office at 508-821-1000.

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