



2021 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade

Saluting America's Veterans & First Responders

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Cavalry Charge Vets Day Parade

Fort Worth – The famed Horse Cavalry Detachment of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas will saddle up for the 102nd Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade on Thursday, November 11 in Fort Worth.

1st Cav. Soldiers, wearing historic uniforms, will display skills that horse-mounted cavalymen have used for more than 200 years. While the cavalry has evolved over the years, to include tanks and even helicopters, the Army has kept the heritage of the horse-mounted cavalymen alive.

In 1943, at the height of [World War II](#), the 1st Cavalry Div. disposed of its remaining horses. The ceremonial unit at Fort Hood was activated 29 years later, in 1972. It's one of seven horse-mounted units remaining in the U.S. Army.

The cavalymen demonstrate weapons used by the U.S. Cavalry during the Indian Wars period – the 1873 Springfield Carbine, the 1873 single-action revolver and the 1860 light cavalry saber.

The detachment has many public duty functions: Participating in change of command and medal ceremonies, riding in the U.S. presidential inauguration, and representing the 1st Cavalry in parades, riding demonstrations, and civic events.

In addition to official state and military ceremonies, the horse-mounted unit has taken part in the [Rose Parade](#), [Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn.](#) rodeos, and U.S. Army recruiting events.

The cavalry will charge while “Bells of Peace” ring, “Taps” sound, and a 21-gun salute signals the start of this year’s 102nd Veterans Day celebration in Fort Worth on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the Panther Island Pavilion parking lot.

A military flyover about 11 a.m. will kick off the Veterans Day parade hosted by the City of Fort Worth. A motorcade will roll down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork section of the Trinity River to Rotary Plaza., then back to Panther Island.

Spectators can picnic along the river while viewing the parade on the west side of downtown Fort Worth.

“Battlefront at Home... Saluting our Veterans & First Responders” is the theme of this year’s parade. The Tarrant County Veterans Council is busy putting final touch on this special event.

The parade website ([HOME | Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade \(fw2021vetsdayparade.org\)](https://www.fw2021vetsdayparade.org)) contains extensive information about viewing, supporting, and taking part in this year's celebration.

“Everyone can join in our salute to veterans and first responders who’ve given so much during the pandemic,” notes Parade Chairman Ken Cox. “Simply visit our website where you can learn how to support, volunteer and take part.

“Will you consider being part of our celebration and join the cavalry charge?” Cox asks. “If you’re not available, please help us spread the word. Hope y’all can join our Cowtown salute on Veterans Day!”

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