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19TH ANNUAL TRI-VALLEY VETERANS DAY PARADE *Theme for 2015 to Focus on Canines in Military Service*

Pleasanton, CA —Pleasanton American Legion Post 237, Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 and the City of Pleasanton are proud to announce the 19th Annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade for 2015. Traditionally, it is the largest Veterans Day Parade in Northern California with over 100 parade entries. This year's parade theme will be "Dogs that Serve," honoring Veteran K9s and their handlers.

The parade will be held in downtown Pleasanton on November 1, 2015 and will start promptly at 1:00 p.m. The parade will start in front of the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street and end at St. Mary's Street and Main Street.

Our review officers this year will be Major General Nickolas Tooliatos, 63rd Regional Support Commander, and Lieutenant Colonel Drew Jones, Camp Parks Garrison Commander. The Grand Marshall this year will be Sergeant Coal, IED Detector Dog for 5 years, and Handler Lance Corporal Patrick (Gus) Stueber USMC. Coal and Gus were deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 as IED Detectors (IDD Handlers). Sergeant Coal was retired in 2012.

This year, the parade will feature traditional marching units along with K9 Units, 40/8 Locomotive and various Military Vehicles. Bands include the US Army 191st Band, Dublin High School Band, Scottish Bagpipe Bands and the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps.

Marching units will be Color Guards from all branches of the service, as well as local Veteran Organizations. The Riderless Horse, symbolizing fallen soldiers and accompanied by Camp Parks Soldier, is furnished by Alameda County Sheriff's Department and their Mounted Posse Color Guard. A special unit, the Golden Gate Garrison Star Wars Storm Troopers will be present as well.

A Ceremony that is open to the public will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building immediately following the Parade, featuring Pleasanton's Community Band and Keynote Speaker Major General Nickolas Tooliatos.

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