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**Small, Outdoor Event Scheduled to Honor Veterans on Nov. 11, 2021**

*Local Officials Salute our Veterans, Past and Present, on National Holiday*

OXNARD, Calif. – The City of Oxnard announces that a small event will take place in downtown Oxnard at the Veterans Memorial (Plaza Park, 500 South C St.) to honor our veterans, past and present.

Starting at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, an outdoor ceremony will take place next to the memorial. Featured speakers include Commander Javier Lopez-Martinez, United States Navy, Commanding Officer and Dave Wilson, Past President, Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County (VVVC).

“We will continue our Oxnard tradition of honoring our local Veterans who bravely and honorably stood in defense of our freedom, said Mayor John C. Zaragoza. “It is our great fortune to have so many courageous men and women in service to our country. They deserve our recognition all year with special honors paid on Veterans Day.”

The event marks the 30th anniversary of the installation of the Plaza Park Veterans Memorial. Mayor Zaragoza will recognize the late Dr. Manuel M. Lopez, who as a City Councilmember, led the way for the creation of a veterans memorial in Oxnard.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, face coverings are required. Please stay home if you feel sick, even if your symptoms are mild. Many of our older Veterans are considered vulnerable to the negative effects of Covid-19, so we ask that everyone in attendance take appropriate precautions for the safety and well-being of our community.

The City looks forward to the return of its annual Veterans Day parade and celebration of local veterans in 2022.

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