



# PHILADELPHIA

## Veterans Parade & Festival

November 4, 2018 - Parade begins 12pm, Festival 12:30-4pm

### Honoring All Who Served



[www.phillyveteransparade.org](http://www.phillyveteransparade.org)

# Message from the President

The mission of the Philadelphia Veterans Parade is to honor all who have served. Now in our 4th year, we will continue to work to make this the best tribute possible.

For the 3rd year, we are having a Veterans Festival at the end of the parade, and hope that you and your family members will attend and take advantage of the VSO's and the other service providers that will be present. We will be having entertainment, face painting and other activities for children. We want to make this a family event and more importantly one that reflects the respect and support we have for all veterans.

This parade would not be possible without the support of the City of Philadelphia, most notably Mayor Jim Kenney, City Council President, Darrell Clarke, Office of Special Events, the Streets Department and the Philadelphia Police Department. We also want to recognize the support of Congressman Bob Brady and to the Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Commission.

I must also recognize and thank our presenting sponsor, "Comcast Corporation" for their continued and unwavering support for this event. Other notable sponsors are KPMG LLP, PECO, Wells Fargo, AARP, Independence Blue Cross, Hands from the Heart, Council for Relationships, Herbology and Humana.

A thank you to all the volunteers who are an important part of making this happen -we couldn't do this without them. This includes the Board of Directors, who are all volunteers as well.

In the end, the parade is really all about highlighting "Veterans Taking Care of Veterans," including ensuring that they get the honor, respect and recognition they so justly deserve.

Anthony Murphy

President

Philadelphia Veterans Parade, Inc.

# PHILADELPHIA VETERANS PARADE



## Grand Marshall - Albert F. Willis



Philadelphia native, Albert F Willis, is one of the nation's first Black Marines who trained at the Montford Point Marine training camp in South Carolina. He was one of the first African American allowed to enlist in the Marine Corps.

A former Sergeant Major, Willis served in WWII, Korean and Vietnam, and is very proud of his service to our country.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Willis graduated in 1939 from Central High in Philadelphia and earned his Bachelors of Science Degree at Knoxville, along with a MBA Degree at Florida University.

Throughout the years he has worked for the US Post Office, Holmesburg Prison, Philadelphia Police Dept, North Phila Redevelopment Authority, Phila Anti-Poverty Program and Admin Asst to Congressman William Gray and most currently for the Salter Funeral Home.

He has belonged to many organizations, including the Masons, Elk Lodge, Silver Scouts and is the Past Commander of the American Legion 1st District of PA, Philadelphia County Council and the American Legion William P Roche Post 21 in Philadelphia.

We are honored to have him as our Grand Marshall this year and thank him for his lifetime of services to the community and his 23 years as a U.S. Marine.

# PARADE Information

## ASSEMBLY AREA

All participating organizations will be staging between 16th –20th & JFK to line up for the parade. While waiting for the parade to begin, be sure to check out our hospitality area.

## HOSPITALITY

Look for the **MISSION BBQ Truck** at 17th & JFK



Bld where we will be pumping up for the parade with Patriotic music and giving out **FREE Water Bottles, American Flags** and



**Program Guides!**

## CARDS for VETERANS & ACTIVE MILITARY

We all love our veterans and appreciate their service to our country. In honor of them, we will be distributing **Thank You cards** to our participating veterans in the staging area. We will also have **pre-made Thank You for Your Service**

**Cards** at the Mission BBQ truck for attendees to jot a note on/sign. Those cards will be sent to our overseas military by “**A Million**



**Thanks**”. There will also be a Letter Writing table at the Festival!

## PORT-A-POTTIES

For your convenience there will be 6 port-a-potties located between 16th – 19th & JFK Blvd.

## PARADE ROUTE

The Philadelphia Veterans Parade runs through the heart of Philadelphia, beginning at 16th & JFK, past City Hall, and then on to Market Street, where it concludes at 5th & Market Streets. Be sure to line the route to support our veterans and cheer them on as they march past !



## REVIEWING STAND / BLEACHERS

The Stage and Bleachers are located on Market between 6th St and 5th St (Limited seating)

## OPENING CEREMONY / PARADE

Master of Ceremonies, Parade Announcer, Grand Marshall, Singers and Trumpet player include **Montford Point Marine Albert Willis, Bob McMahon, Judge Dugan, Bill Meade, Kevin Pierce and Aidan Peterson.** Special guests **Hector Maisonave** and other local veterans.



## TELEVISION BROADCAST

The Parade is broadcast live on Channel 6 beginning at 12:30pm.

## FLYOVER / PARATROOPERS

Weather permitting, there will be a flyover along with Team Fastrax parachuting in!



## FREEDOM TREE

There will be a "Freedom Tree" in the festival that attendees can write why they are proud to be an American on paper and hang on tree. This tree will be donated to a Veteran Service Organization at the parade.

## FESTIVAL



Be sure to stop by the Festival, located at 5th & Market Street, which is open 12:30-4pm.



Once again there will be a Beer Garden by Philadelphia Brewing and live entertainment by Savior Soul, Jean Therapy, Tony Flagiello of Philly Beat Alliance and a special song for our veterans by Lydia Myers !





Be sure to bring the children out for some Face Painting by The Fresh Princess or Caricatures by Salvatore ! The Salvation of



Sorrows will also be on hand to provide free haircuts for our veterans!



Follow your nose to one of our delicious Food Trucks ! On hand will be PJ Whelihan's, Everything We Eat, El Tlacoc, Munchy Machine, Rita's Water Ice, Jeremiah's



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There will also be "A Million Thanks" letter writing table set up in the Festival area.



# Parade Participants Motorcycle Groups/MCs

Motorcycle Grand Marshalls: American Legion Riders Dept of PA President Holly Hill and Legion Riders Post 968 President Charles Benjamin Clarke

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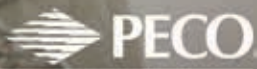


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