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St. James Parish to Host Veterans Day Celebration

Convent, La – Parish President Pete Dufresne is pleased to announce that St. James Parish Government is hosting its annual Veterans Day Celebration in conjunction with the VFW at Lutcher Park on Thursday, November 9 from 4:30p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Lutcher Park.

The annual event will feature performances from local schools, free food, and a 3-Round Volley led by the St. James Parish VFW Post 5852. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5852 and American Legion Post 565 will be the Color Guard for the event. The Lutcher High School Band conducted by Robert Blackburn St. Peter Chanel Bell Choir, Sixth Ward Elementary Arts Program, St. James Parish Magnet School, Gramercy Elementary School, and Yvonne's Direction in Dance will all be performing. Lutcher High School student Cole Dicharry will be performing TAPS and St. James Parish Talented Music student Brielle Batiste will lead the National Anthem.

Parish President Pete Dufresne is proud of our local students for taking initiative to participate in the Veterans Day Event. He said, "Our team has been preparing all year long for our Veterans Day Event. It's an opportunity to celebrate our veterans and recognize the service and courage of the brave men and women who fought for our country. It means a lot that so many of our students are joining St. James Parish in honoring our veterans at this event."

This year's special guest speaker will be Rhonda Hotard, CCUE, CSFP, CUERME. She currently serves as the President/CEO of Louisiana Federal Credit Union. Danny St. Pierre of Farm Bureau Insurance will chair the event and Father Michael O'Rourke of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church will be leading an invocation. Commander of the VFW Post 5852 Harold Miller will lead the Remembrance of Deceased Veterans.

"I'd like to formally invite everyone in St. James Parish to this outstanding event," President Dufresne noted. "Our Veterans Day Celebration is a time for the whole community to come together, and something I personally look forward to all year long."

The Veterans Day Celebration is not the only event St. James Parish is hosting for Veterans Day; there will also be a wreath laying ceremony at the foot of the Veterans Memorial Bridge on November 9th at 3:30p.m. Government officials and community members alike are invited to attend this special ceremony to honor our veterans.

While fireworks are traditionally a part of the Veteran's Day Celebration, due to severe drought St. James Parish is under a burn ban. This year's event will not include fireworks, however the event still has many wonderful features as our community gathers together to honor our veterans.

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