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**Honoring Those Who Have Served**

Portland Veterans Day Parade, November 11, 2017

**PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 16, 2017** – On Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., the citizens of Portland and the surrounding areas will gather at different points along NE 40 and Sandy Blvd., starting at NE Tillamook and ending at the Ross Hollywood Flag Pole at Sandy Blvd. and NE 48 Ave. to witness and participate in a tribute to the veterans who have served in the United States military, the Portland Veterans Day Parade. The parade is concluded with a flag raising ceremony, comments from dignitaries, music, a dove release, and a military fly-over from the [Oregon Air National Guard 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing](#).

The past and active participation of the military of the United States has touched many lives. Veterans Day provides any opportunity to provide a sense of brotherhood for those who have returned home, to unify and educate the youth of the United States about the sacrifices of those who have come before them, and, for many, to remember those who have lost their lives in the pursuit. Allen W. Bly (70) said, “For me, Veterans Day is to remember the one that I lost. I feel very humble. I lost a lot of friends, and I am happy that the United States honors their memories.”

Portland’s Veterans Day Parade began in 1974 and was founded by [Vernon E. Ross](#), proprietor of Ross Hollywood Funeral Chapel and a veteran of World War I and World War II. With a substantial sum of \$19,000, he purchased a small triangular piece of land in front of his Ross Hollywood Funeral Chapel and displayed the American flag. He later donated the property to the city of Portland and is maintained by the [Ross Hollywood Chapel](#) to this day and is the site of the Veterans Memorial flag pole.

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Mark your calendar and reserve time on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Portland, Ore. to honor and recognize the sacrifices of the United States armed forces. Visit <http://www.veteransdaypdx.org/index.cfm> to learn more about attending, participating, or volunteering for the Portland Veterans Day Parade.

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