



Texas Veterans Parade, Corsicana

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TEXAS VETERANS PARADE AWARDS AND HONORS PRESS RELEASE

Corsicana, Texas – The Texas Veterans Parade in Corsicana, Texas, will honor current and past Military Veterans from all wars and conflicts on Armed Forces Day, Saturday morning May 18. The parade starts from the Navarro County Courthouse in Corsicana at 10:00am. Over 500 participants are scheduled to appear including Grand Marshall, Fiske Hanley, a World War II Combat Veteran, a military flyover, a ground forces attachment from Gainesville, Texas with a dozen vintage military vehicles, the Corsicana Tiger and Mildred Eagles marching bands, and much more.

The website is www.texasveteransparade.com

The Texas Veterans Parade 33 person board of directors announces the creation of the following Awards & Honors. They will be bestowed upon the recipients at the Collin Street Bakery Medal of Honor dinner at the Corsicana Country Club on Friday night May 17, 2019 at 6:30pm (a few limited tickets are still available at \$39 by calling (337)-496-3615.

Navarro County's finest volunteers have worked tirelessly in the production of this Parade to honor Texas Veterans. Each award is named after a prominent former Corsicana resident in honor of their service to this city and to our country.

Navarro-Garcia Patriot Award

The highest honor given from Navarro County, Texas for Patriotism. It is given annually to an American citizen who has demonstrated selfless service and leadership in the promotion and honoring of Veterans from the Lone Star State and beyond. The award is named for Jose Antonio Navarro, the namesake of Navarro County, who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and wrote parts of the Texas Constitution. And, for Candelario “Spider” Garcia, 1962 Corsicana High School graduate, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Obama in March of 2014. The honorees name is affixed to a beautiful permanent plaque that includes a World War II American rifle, that is on display in Corsicana in a prominent place.

Texas Governor Beauford Jester Award

Given to the Texas Veterans Parade Volunteer who is a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces, who makes the greatest contribution to the Texas Veterans Parade in Corsicana in a given year. This person demonstrates during the year vital qualities of leadership including inspiring others, creativity and getting things accomplished. The award is named for Beauford Jester from Corsicana who served his country in World War I and as the 36th Governor of Texas.

James Acree Award

Given to the Texas Veterans Parade Volunteer of the year who is not a military veteran. To a person who has worked during the last year with great determination and effort to making the Texas Veterans Parade in Corsicana, Texas a success. This award is named for James Acree, a Veteran of the Korean War who served as Corsicana High School’s football coach from 1960 to 1966, winning the AAA Texas State Championship in 1963 with a perfect record of 14-0. Jim Acree was a man of great determination and perseverance. His qualities are embodied in this award.

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