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**TRIO OF LEADING VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCE
“AMERICA’S PARADE: LOS ANGELES,” THE L.A. VETERANS DAY PARADE
TAKING PLACE NOVEMBER 11**

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America’s Parade: LA to Commemorate 15th Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks

[LOS ANGELES, CA, August 15, 2016] – As part of its commitment to serving veterans and active duty military personnel and their families, the **County of Los Angeles Department of Military and Veterans Affairs** today announced its partnership with the New York-based **United War Veterans Council (UWVC)** and the **American Legion** to launch “**America’s Parade: LA,**” the Los Angeles Veterans Day Parade on November 11. In addition to honoring service and stimulating public support for veterans and their families in the Greater L.A. region, the Parade will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

“America’s Parade: LA” will take place November 11th (Veterans Day) on the West L.A. Veterans Affairs Campus, featuring veterans, active duty military personnel, high school and college band members, and supporters of our military.

Stepping off at 11:00 a.m., parade marchers will advance southeast on Bonsall Avenue, passing a grandstand just beyond Wilshire Boulevard before completing a one mile route. The community is invited and encouraged to come out and line the route to show its support and help honor the brave men and women who serve and protect our nation.

“The County of Los Angeles is proud to partner with the United War Veteran Council and the American Legion to present the first America’s Parade: L.A.,” said Chief Deputy **Stephanie Stone**. “This parade will honor veterans from all wars and all eras, creating a sea to shining sea of Veterans Day Parades throughout our great Country.”

Updates announcing further details and news will be provided in the coming weeks and months as planning for “America’s Parade: LA” progresses.

“Planning for America’s Parade: LA is shaping up beautifully and we are thrilled to be working with the Los Angeles VA and the American Legion,” said United War Veterans Council President **Dan McSweeney**. “We are honored to contribute our longstanding expertise and experience producing New York City’s Veterans Day Parade to help unite the East and West Coasts in celebrating service and the Los Angeles veterans community.”

“Honoring the service of our veterans is a bond that unites our nation,” American Legion National Commander **Dale Barnett** said. “The American Legion applauds Los Angeles for honoring the men and women of military service past, present and future.”

Groups and individuals interested in sponsorship opportunities, participating in the parade or volunteering to work on the parade are urged to visit www.AmericasParade.org/LA or email sstone@mva.lacounty.gov.

About Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veteran Affairs

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs values the dedication and sacrifice of our military, our veterans, and their families by promoting awareness of their contributions through programs that advance veterans’ services and benefits. We provide personal assistance in the development and submission of claims for State and Federal veteran benefits for our community throughout the County of Los Angeles. We advocate on behalf of veterans for legislation and changes in laws that enrich the quality of life for veterans, dependents and survivors.

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About United War Veterans Council

The United War Veterans Council, Inc. (UWVC) is a 501(c) (19) non-profit organization that is dedicated to mobilizing the public to honor, support and serve America’s veterans through a wide range of activities and initiatives. We produce America’s Parade (the NYC Veterans Day Parade), the largest celebration of service in the nation. Since our inception, the UWVC has been a non-political, non-partisan organization, with no agenda or purpose other than serving our veterans. We represent the mosaic of the veterans’ community, encompassing veterans of all eras and backgrounds.

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About American Legion

The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization with 2.2 million members in nearly 14,000 posts in communities across in America. The Legion, established by an act of Congress in 1919, was instrumental in getting the original GI Bill through Congress and the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Today, the organization is active throughout the United States, supporting current military personnel and veterans, sponsoring American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical Contests and other activities for youth, and pushing for the adoption of a constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration of the U.S. flag.