



Tarrant County Veterans Council

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2020 Veterans Day Vision: *Veterans in Focus*

Helping the TCVC

Donations are always appreciated to help cover expenses related to the Tarrant County Veterans Council's (TCVC) ongoing operations that aren't paid out of member dues. TCVC is a volunteer organization with no paid employees. All donations are used to support the Council's mission. Everyone can help... especially with special events.

Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade donations

Like all volunteer organizations, *by law* the Council is financially supported by membership fees and voluntary donations. As previously noted, all officers of the TCVC and parade coordinators are unpaid volunteers.

The City of Fort Worth enthusiastically supports the annual Veterans Day parade with *in-kind* support from the Fort Worth Police and Fire Departments, as well as city services. Such efforts are vital in providing a safe and secure venue for the event.

Veterans service organizations, high school bands and Jr. ROTC units from across the county are also actively engaged in the annual celebration.

Contributions from *Partners-in-Kind* are always appreciated. Without such generous support, the Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade would not be possible.

At the same time, funding vital parade needs is a challenge every year. Specifically, event insurance, renting porta-potties (as required by city ordinance) and the cost of renting a reviewing stand all add up. The cost for just these items can exceed \$4,000 annually.

Other miscellaneous but important parade expenditures include:

- ❖ Safety vests (required by ordinance)
- ❖ Caps and identification tags for parade monitors
- ❖ Signs identifying the Grand Marshal and parade entries
- ❖ Safety and information signs for the route, traffic cones and barricades
- ❖ Banner identifying current parade theme for the reviewing stand
- ❖ Printing notices of the parade date and time distributed to local business (required twice by ordinance at 180 days and 60 days)
- ❖ Parade posters
- ❖ Recognition plaques, certificates and Jr. ROTC medals
- ❖ Cost of maintaining the parade website
- ❖ Administrative material costs (paper, ink, postage, etc.)

Fortunately, many individuals and organizations donate the use of such important but costly items. They include, but are certainly not limited to event space, traffic barricades and meeting locations. Additionally, volunteers help reduce costs while ensuring the parade's success. All the administrative work is also done by unpaid volunteers. TCVC is a service organization that welcomes and appreciates all financial and *in-kind* support.

Overall parade costs can run as high as \$5,000 annually. Parade donations go directly to cover parade expenses and veteran-related activities. And again, it's important to note, there are no salaried positions related to the TCVC's parade efforts.

Contributions

Established in 1958, the Tarrant County Veterans Council is a non-governmental entity controlled entirely by representatives from the member organizations. TCVC is a recognized non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible as otherwise provided by law.

Organizations and businesses can contribute to the parade effort at various donation levels. Checks can be made payable to: *Tarrant County Veterans Council* and mailed to:

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P.O. Box 16301

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or

7101 Bryant Irvin Rd. #16301

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Donations can also be made on the TCVC parade website at

<https://www.fw2020vetsdayparade.org/>

E-mail inquiries to tcvc@tcvc.us