



2023 VETERANS DAY PARADE

Saluting TCU Warriors

Cavalry to Ride in Vets Day Parade

Soldiers of the Horse Cavalry Detachment, 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Cavazos (formerly Fort Hood) in Killeen, Texas are “Hot to Trot!” (unit’s motto) as part of this year’s Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade in Fort Worth on November 11.

Detachment members say they’re “Living the legend!” and have been keeping the spirit of the cavalry alive since 1972.”

This horse cavalry is an Army equestrian unit headquartered in central Texas. The detachment takes part in numerous ceremonial and recruitment events annually while preserving the division’s horseback-riding roots. It is one of seven horse-mounted units remaining in the U.S. [Army](#).

The mounted soldiers will be “Saluting TCU Warriors” – theme of this year’s Veterans Day parade. They’ll step off at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 11, from Fort Worth’s Panther Island Pavilion parking lot, march down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River, and return.

This year marks Texas Christian University’s 150th anniversary. In concert with TCU’s celebration, the Tarrant County Veterans Council is saluting the university’s military legacy, its Army and Air Force ROTC programs, while honoring TCU alum and Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Horace S. Carswell, Jr.

The 40-soldier mounted unit is equipped with 33 dark bay horses with minimal white markings which are outfitted with 1885 McClellan riding saddles that are hand-made by troopers in an on-site leather shop maintained at the unit's stables. Each of the unit's mounts are trained for about one year before being put into action.

The cavalry unit also deploys 4 mules, a mascot dog (Doc Holliday), an 1878 supply wagon, and a light mountain howitzer. The detachment is designated a "special ceremonial unit" which allows it to wear specialized, unit-specific uniforms not part of standard Army issue.

Fort Worth’s annual Veterans Day celebration began more than 100 years ago as an armistice procession through downtown in 1919 to honor those who had fought in

World War I. The event's hosted by the City of Fort Worth and organized by The Tarrant County Veterans Council.

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