Army Band Marching in Vets Day Parade

The 395th Army Band – The Army Band of the Southwest – from Mustang, Okla. will march through Cowtown November 11 to lead the Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade in Fort Worth.

The Soldier musicians will be "Saluting TCU Warriors" – theme of this year's celebration. They'll step off at 11 a.m. that Saturday from the city'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 395th was constituted on Aug. 2, 1943, in the U.S. Army Reserves and in December of that year, designated as the 95th Infantry Division Band. In October, 2008, the band was reorganized and redesignated as the 395th Army Band, currently located at the Mustang Armed Forces Reserve Center in Oklahoma.

"Everyone's welcome to join in listening to the band and saluting TCU's ROTC cadets, as well as all military veterans who have, are and will continue to make great contributions," notes Council President Dan Zmroczek. "Simply visit our website (www.2023SaluteTCU.com) where you can learn how to support, volunteer, and take part in this year's event.

"Will you consider joining this year's festivities?" Zmroczek asks. "If you're not available, please help us spread the word. A parade poster's available online to download and distribute as well. Hope y'all can join our Cowtown salute on Veterans Day 2023."

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.

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