

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CITY OF BOWIE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**Bowie, MD** – May 9, 2015- Excitement is building for the City of Bowie's Memorial Day Parade that will take place during Memorial Day weekend, on Saturday, May 23rd beginning at 11:00 AM.

The City dedicates this parade to all of our service personnel who served. We invite everyone to come out and remember those how fought for are freedoms..

The Parade Grand Marshall is Captain Paul F. Mellenhoff ( Retired) a long time Bowie resident and severed in the United States Navy's Anti- submarine warfare patrols. Upon release from active duty he served the next 27 years in the Naval reserves. Captain Mellenhoff has remained committed to the military since his retirement, most recently serving as a member of the Veterans Committee of Hospice of the Chesapeake.

Parade entries include the The Scottish American Military Society, Bowie's Veteran's of Foreign Wars, The America Legion, Bowie High School Marching Band, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Pep Band, John F. Nicoll Pipes & Drums, Thunder Brigade Drum & Bugle Corps, Panquility Steel Drum Band, floats, car clubs, dance groups, beauty queens, marching units, the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department Company and more.

The parade, held rain or shine, will begin at the Bowie High School Annex on Belair Drive. The parade will turn right onto Belair Drive and continue to Sussex Lane. Once Sussex Lane is reached, the parade will turn right and continue to Stonybrook Drive and make another right. The parade will travel past the Bowie Community Center and turn left onto Sage Lane, finishing in the Market Place Shopping Center parking lot.

Food and drink concessions will be available at Acorn Hill Park and Sussex Lane Park for the convenience of those watching the parade. Sussex Lane Park, as well as Acorn Hill Park, are wonderful locations to view the parade! Public restrooms will be located at both parks for the convenience of parade watchers.

Because of the parade, the following streets will be blocked: Belair Drive from the Bowie High School Annex to Route 450; Sussex Lane; Stonybrook Drive from Sussex Lane to Sage Lane; and Sage Lane.

For more information, please contact Matt Corley, Special Events Coordinator for the City of Bowie at 301-809-3078 or email [mcorley@cityofbowie.org](mailto:mcorley@cityofbowie.org). Information is also available at [www.cityofbowie.org](http://www.cityofbowie.org).