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CITY OF HAYDEN'S 7th ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE, CEREMONIES & 2013 DISTINGUISHED VETERAN AWARD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013

On Monday, November 11, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. the City of Hayden and the Veterans Commission will hold a parade to honor our veterans. The parade will run south on Government Way from Hayden Avenue to Honeysuckle Avenue. Following the parade the Veterans Commission will hold the 2013 Veterans Day and Distinguished Veteran of the Year Ceremonies at Hayden City Hall. Immediately after the ceremonies, refreshments will be served in Hayden City Hall Council Chambers in celebration of the 2013 Distinguished Veteran.

The City of Hayden is very pleased to announce David Sheldon as the 2013 Distinguished Veteran and Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal. Sheldon is a Vietnam-era serviceman and a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy from which he received an honorable discharge as a chief petty officer in 1992. After enlisting in 1972, he graduated from boot camp in San Diego and then was assigned as a personnel specialist at the North Island Naval Station. He also served at the New Orleans Naval Station; Lemoore Naval Air Station with Attack Squadron 192; aboard the carrier USS Kitty Hawk for an extended deployment; Whidbey Island Naval Air Station; Pearl Harbor where he took on two deployments aboard the USS Jason; the Naval Submarine Base at Bangor and finally in Santa Maria, California where his final assignment was as chief of recruiting. His decorations include three Navy Achievement Medals, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Navy Commendation Medals, a Sea Service ribbon and five Good Conduct Medals. He has been a member of the American Legion and the Hayden Veterans Commission since 2009 and is also a member of the Kootenai County Veterans Honor Guard. His excellent voice has been heard at all patriotic events sponsored by the Veterans Commission and during programs sponsored by the Hayden Elks Lodge. David Sheldon's dedication to his country, community, fellow veterans, and numerous organizations has earned him the 2013 Distinguished Veteran award.

The Veterans Day Address will be given by speakers John and Stacey Holley United States Army Veterans, co-authors of the award winning book "Medals, Flags and Memories" and Gold Star parents. Their world was shattered in November 2005 with the appearance of uniformed military personnel at the front door of their Post Falls home with the tragic news that their son and only child, Specialist Matthew Holley had been killed by a roadside bomb in Taji, Iraq. Appalled when they learned that Matthew's casket would return to San Diego's Lindbergh Field without proper honors aboard a commercial airline, they refused to accept the protocol that was in place at the time. With the help of their Congressman they were able to advocate for a change in the way our fallen service members are honored for their last measure of devotion to our great nation. Legislation titled "The

Holley Provision,” in honor of Matthew Holley, was signed into law by President George W. Bush in October 2006 and implemented by the Pentagon on January 1, 2007. “The Holley Provision” is both a tribute to a courageous young man who gave his life for what he believed and the heartfelt journey of his parents. Thanks to the Holley’s commitment, America’s fallen heroes are now returned to their families aboard charter jets, their caskets met by honor guards in white gloves and crisp uniforms instead of baggage handlers with forklifts.

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. along Government Way to honor our heroes at the Veterans Day Parade that will include the Northern Lakes Fire District, Hayden Meadows Special Chorus, US Submarine Veterans, Civil Air Patrol, Fort Sherman Disabled American Veterans, Military Officer Association of America, Hayden City Council, Hayden Veterans Commission and many more!

Government Way from Hayden to Honeysuckle Avenue will be closed from 9:45-11:00 a.m. for the parade. Upon conclusion of the parade, Government Way from Orchard to Honeysuckle Avenues will continue to be closed until approximately 12:00 p.m. when all Veterans Day Ceremonies are finished.

Applications are still being accepted for the Veterans Day Parade until Wednesday, November 6. If businesses or organizations would like to participate, please call 208-209-1080 or visit the City of Hayden website at www.cityofhaydenid.us to download an application. If you would like more information regarding this event, please call 208-209-1080.

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