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**THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 8: TOWN OF PIKE ROAD TO HONOR VETERANS WITH VIRTUAL EVENT**

*Video presentation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony will be available in lieu of traditional event*

PIKE ROAD, Ala – The Town of Pike Road will honor America’s military veterans with a virtual presentation of the 9th Annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony this Sunday, November 8. In lieu of the traditional in-person event, hosted at the Pike Road Veterans Memorial, the 2020 Veterans Appreciation program will be available in video form beginning at 2 p.m. on the Town of Pike Road website, [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us), and social media. This meaningful event holds a special place in the hearts of Pike Road and the greater community, and, with health and safety considerations in mind, we are pleased to continue honoring our veterans this fall through both traditional and innovative ways.

The Nov. 8 video presentation will feature the dedication of newly-installed, personalized bricks honoring veterans in the Pike Road Veteran’s Memorial, as well as other significant aspects of the traditional Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. Reverend Teddy Gandy, of Pike Road Baptist Church, will present the invocation. Pike Road Schools students will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem, and the Auburn University at Montgomery ROTC Honor Guard will lead the Presentation of the Colors and the Wreath Laying Ceremony. Distinguished guest speaker Colonel Jerime Reid, Vice Commander of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Air Base Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, will present remarks. Pastor Steve Walters, of the Church at Pike Road, will provide the benediction.

In addition to the virtual event, we invite the community to browse a digital library of veterans stories, collected from our citizens, on [www.pikeroad.us](http://www.pikeroad.us). We are humbled by the opportunity to share these stories, and we look forward to the growth of this new, online initiative. All are invited to share the stories and photos – whether personal or service-related – of veterans they know by emailing [info@pikeroad.us](mailto:info@pikeroad.us).

“We are so thankful for the men and women who have served and sacrificed to keep our country free,” said Mayor Gordon Stone. “In partnership with leaders across our community, we are pleased to offer a safe, meaningful Veterans Appreciation program this November. In a region that is touched daily by our great service men and women, we are honored to provide this recognition of these men and women, both collectively and as individuals honored on our Walk of Honor.”

Although we will not be gathering in person for the Nov. 8 Veterans Appreciation Ceremony, the Veterans Memorial and Walk of Honor, located at Veterans Park (4902 Pike Road, Pike Road, AL 36064), will be traditionally decorated in celebration of our nation’s veterans. All are welcome to come out to see the newly installed pavers, capture photos, as well as share memories in honor and remembrance of their loved ones anytime. Practicing social distancing and wearing masks in accordance with current local and federal guidelines is encouraged.

The Town of Pike Road would like to thank Home Depot on Chantilly Parkway for their contributions to the Town of Pike Road Veterans Memorial, which is located at 4902 Pike Road. Each year, our local Home Depot donates time and materials to beautify the Memorial, ensuring that it remains a location that fosters reflection and community.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Turner Waddell by calling (334) 272-9883 or (864) 958-6577, or by emailing Turner@pikeroad.us.

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