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### **THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 3: TOWN OF PIKE ROAD TO HONOR VETERANS**

*All are invited to honor America's heroes at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony*

PIKE ROAD, Ala. - The Town of Pike Road will honor America's military veterans during its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony this Sunday, November 3. The Capitol Sounds will provide patriotic music beginning at 1:30 p.m., and the Ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. The Ceremony, held at the Pike Road Veterans Memorial (4902 Pike Road), is free and open to the public. We especially encourage veterans to attend and be recognized in the Walk of Honor.

The Nov. 3 event will feature the "Walk of Honor," during which we invite all veterans to participate in a short procession, recognizing them as they move through the crowd. Pike Road Schools students will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the National Anthem, and Reverend Teddye Gandy, of Pike Road Baptist Church, will present the invocation. The Presentation of the Colors and the Wreath Laying Ceremony will be led by the Auburn University at Montgomery ROTC Honor Guard. Distinguished guest speaker Lt. Colonel Paul Kurts, Acting Inspector General, Air University, will present remarks. Then, Town of Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone will dedicate newly-installed, personalized bricks honoring veterans in the Pike Road Veterans Memorial. Three local Girl Scouts Troops will help as ushers and greeters at the Ceremony.

In 2012, Home Depot on Chantilly Parkway donated materials and labor for the construction of the Pike Road Veterans Memorial. Each year, volunteers from Home Depot provide fresh landscaping to ensure that the Veterans Memorial remains a beautiful tribute to veterans everywhere. We continue to be thankful for this partnership and the contributions of our local Home Depot, as well as every organization and individual involved in the Ceremony.

"America's heroes—those who have fought and continue to sacrifice for our freedoms—are very dear to the people of this town, and we take seriously this opportunity to honor them each November," said Mayor Gordon Stone. "In a region that is touched daily by our great service men and women, we are honored to provide this recognition. We hope the community will join us in paying tribute to our veterans through this excellent event."

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