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COMMUNITY TO HOLD VETERANS DAY SERVICE

ROCKPORT, TX – In honor of those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, a special Veterans Day Service will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park on Austin Street. The event is free and open to the public.

The ceremony will include presentation and posting of the colors by the ACISD Navy Junior ROTC, recognition of local veterans' organizations and law enforcement agencies, laying of the wreath and dedication, and the singing of the National Anthem by Emily and Alyssa De La Garza. Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4) Ralph Aguirre Jr., who is assigned to the Detachment 3 Corpus Christi Army Depot, is the guest speaker.

Aguirre is a senior and decorated Army Aviator, commissioned in the US Army Aviation Branch, is a rated AH-64D Apache Longbow Aviator, and a graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Aguirre enlisted in the Army in 1994 as an AH-64A Apache Helicopter Armament and Electrical systems repairer. Assignments included 1-1 AVN Regt, Ft. Riley, Kansas and 2-6 CAV in Illesheim, Germany. In 1996, he deployed to Bosnia in support of IFOR peace keeping missions.

His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, two Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service

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Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with Two Stars, the Overseas Service Ribbon with two awards, the Good Conduct Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

This special event is sponsored by the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Prosperity Bank, American GI Forum Post & Unit #324F, Carl Morrison American Legion Post & Unit #363 & Sons of the Legion, and Stewart-Wendell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3904. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony at the American Legion Post, 1701 S. Church St.

In case of inclement weather, the Veterans Day program will be held at the American Legion Post.