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Veterans Day Ceremony November 11th, 2021

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. – October 20th, 2021- The City of Bonita Springs and the Veterans Advisory Committee invite the public to attend the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. The ceremony will take place at 11:00am at Riverside Park in Downtown Bonita Springs (10450 Reynolds St, Bonita Springs, FL 34135).

Guest speaker for the Veterans Day Ceremony will be Specialist Five James C. McCloughan. McCloughan was born in South Haven, Michigan, but spent most of his childhood in Bangor, Michigan. McCloughan attended Olivet College and earned a Bachelor's in Sociology with a teaching certificate. He began teaching and coaching at South Haven Public School in 1968 but was drafted in the Army on August 29th, 1968. During basic training, McCloughan received advanced training as a medical specialist. Spc. 5 McCloughan was assigned as a combat medic to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment during his service in Vietnam (from March 1969 to March 1970). Spc. 5 was wounded multiple times during battle but declined to evacuate to ensure that the platoon had a medic. He is responsible for saving ten service members in his company. Spc. 5 McCloughan has received many awards and decorations from his time in the service such as the Medal of Honor, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart. After his service in the military, McCloughan earned a Master of Arts in Counseling and Psychology and taught at South Haven High School until his retirement in 2008.

The ceremony will also include traditional commemorations such as the Aisle of Flags, 21-gun salute, Posting of the Colors, Presentation of the Blue/Gold Star Banners, and musical tributes. The Veterans Day Ceremony was organized by the volunteers of the City of Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee. Please join as we recognize and honor all the service men and women who have previously served or are in active service within the twelve branches of the U.S. Military.

For questions about the ceremony, please call 239-949-6262 or visit the City Hall website located at <http://cityofbonitasprings.org/>