



THE CITY OF  
**MANCHESTER**  
MISSOURI

**Veterans Commission**

Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, 4:30 – 5:45 pm  
Manchester Justice Center, 200 Highlands Blvd. **(Zoom)**

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- **Welcome & Approval of minutes (Kay) (5 mins)**  
Approval of Sept. 16 Minutes
- **POW/MIA Day- Friday, Sept. 17 (Mike, Kay) (5 mins)**  
Reflection of the event
- **Flags of Valor: Art Hill, September, 2021 (Bonnie, Megan, Justin) (5 min)**
- **Flags of Valor: Next steps, mailing the flags (Bonnie) (10 min)**
- **Flags of Valor: A gift of twenty new ones (Megan, Mike) (5 min)**
- **Hometown Heroes Banner program (Bonnie, Kay, Megan, Kat) (20 min)**  
Next steps for current banners (Veterans Day program)  
News4 interview and video  
Y2022 program
- **Veterans Memorial new plaques (Bonnie) (10 min)**  
The plaques are installed. When do we honor/recognize them?  
Budget for addition of Navy PO1 Robin Collins plaque? Cost?
- **Veterans Day Breakfast (Kat, all) (15 min)**  
Details? Volunteers?
- **How do we recognize/honor our City veterans; all police (Justin) (10 min)**  
Update from Sen. Hawley's office on a program that supports veterans
- **Presentation by House member Rep. Wayne Wallingford (Megan) (10 min)**  
Sat., Nov 13 at the Parks Bldg, 2 pm
- **Next Meeting date via Zoom?**  
Wed, Nov 10 (5:30 pm) *Do we need to meet before Veterans Day?*  
Wed, Nov 17 (5:30 pm)  
Thurs, Nov 18 (5:30 pm)

## COMING UP:

**KMOV4 segment on Hometown Heroes banners  
Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 6 pm KMOV newscast**

### **Veterans Day 2021 Friday, November 11**

- Flags of Valor, 47 flags, including 20 news ones, to fly at the Veterans Memorial throughout the day
- Veterans Day breakfast at the American Legion Post, serving from 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Justice Center Ceremony honoring Hometown Heroes and families 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### **A Veteran's Presentation Saturday, November 13**

#### *A Vietnam War flight mission remembrance*

*featuring Missouri State Representative Wayne Wallingford (R-Cape Girardeau)*

"I knew that was my last mission. I was going to be flying because I wasn't going to live beyond that mission. A missile had honed in on us," said Missouri State Representative Wayne Wallingford, describing his experience as pilot of a B-52 near the end of the Vietnam War. "Miraculously, under the hand of God, it exploded prematurely. The missile itself didn't directly hit us. The fragments from the missile did." A group crew leader later counted 680 holes in Wallingford's plane.

Representative Wallingford will share his experiences from that bombing run, part of an 11-day military mission in 1972, called Linebacker 2. Please join him to hear stories and memories from his highly-decorated Air Force career. He was awarded 47 medals for his service, including the Silver Star, the third highest honor given by the U.S. Military.

**Representative Wallingford's presentation is sponsored by the Manchester Veterans Commission and local friends of veterans. Wallingford will present on Saturday, November 13 at 2 p.m. in the Manchester Parks Building at 359 Old Meramec Station Road. The public is invited.**