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Kalamazoo County Honors Veterans with a Ceremony at Rose Park

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department Veterans Service Office, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo and support from the Veterans Events Committee, invites the community together to pay profound tribute to its heroes who have served and sacrificed for the nation this Veterans Day at the 2024 Kalamazoo County Veterans Day Ceremony.

2024 Kalamazoo County Veterans Day Ceremony Details

Date: Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, 2 p.m.

Location: Robert L. Cook Veterans Memorial Plaza at Rose Park
(Near the intersection of East Michigan Avenue and King Highway)

“Veterans Day is a cherished day for the Kalamazoo County Veterans Service Office staff,” said Lauren King, Veterans Service Office Supervisor. “It is our honor to serve the veterans of Kalamazoo County every day, but Veterans Day is a time when we can bring the community together to honor our veterans with us. The Veterans Day ceremony is the culmination of the efforts of many people who wish to thank the veterans of Kalamazoo County for their service.”

The program includes powerful speakers like Brian Love, the Director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, as well as music provided by the Kalamazoo Pipe Band Prof. Scott Thornburg and Grace Kalafut. The ceremony will also feature honor guards from the United States Marine Corps and the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.

Western Michigan University ROTC’s “Boomer” will be present to announce the festivities, including the 2024 Veteran of the Year award. This year's recipient, Michael Fry, is a United States Marine Corps veteran and has been a dedicated member of the Kalamazoo County Veterans Affairs Committee since 2020.

“Michael has been an essential member of the Veterans Affairs Committee over the years,” said King. “With his leadership and advocacy, the Veterans Service Office has established a voter passed millage, expanded our county benefits to Kalamazoo County veteran residents, and established strong relationships with community partners. Michael has dedicated so much of his heart and time to bettering the lives of his fellow Kalamazoo County veterans, I couldn’t think of a more fitting recipient for the 2024 Veteran of the Year award.”

For additional information about the event, please visit our [Facebook event](#) or call 269-373-5361. To learn more about the Veterans Service Office, please visit <https://www.kalcouny.com/hcs/veterans/>.

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