

Organizers select Meyer as Veterans Day parade grand marshal

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FAIRFIELD — Air Force Reserve Col. Ruth Meyer has been named grand marshal for this year's Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11, the Fairfield Main Street Association announced Wednesday.

Meyer, who entered the Air Force in 1989, is an individual mobilization augmentee with the 621st Contingency Response Wing at Travis Air Force Base.

While on active duty, Meyer served as an executive officer with the 71st Fighter Squadron at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; an acquisition officer and chief of training with the 40th Test Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; a C-12 pilot with the 55 Airlift Flight at Osan Air Base in Korea; and a C-5 pilot with both the 21st and 22nd Airlift Squadrons at Travis.

Meyer joined the Air Force Reserve in 1999 and has since served as a chief scheduler, chief of wing safety and operations support squadron commander, deputy operations group commander, acting operations group commander and was individual mobilization augmentee to the commander of the Air Force Safety Center. She is an instructor pilot with more than 4,000 hours total flying time in C-5, C-12 and T-38 aircraft.

The theme for this year's ceremony and parade is "With Respect, Honor, and Gratitude."

The ceremony of remembrance starts at 10 a.m. with a concert by Alive Music Orchestra at the Downtown Theatre at 1035 Texas St. The parade starts at 12:30 p.m. It will assemble at Webster and Kentucky streets and then travel through downtown along Texas Street.

The entry fee for the parade is \$50 for community groups and \$70 for business entries. The fee will be waived for veterans and active military organizations. Entry forms are available at www.fairfieldmainstreet.com or by calling 422-0103. The entry deadline is Oct. 27. Some late entries may be accepted if space allows.

A parade awards ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Fairfield Council chamber at 1000 Webster St.