

Main Street group selects Travis colonel as Veterans Day grand marshal

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Col. Joel Jackson

FAIRFIELD — Col. Joel Jackson, commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base, has been named the Veterans Day Parade grand marshal, the Fairfield Main Street Association announced this week.

This year's parade theme is Land of the Free, Because of the Brave. The Nov. 11 event is hosted by the Main Street Association and the local American Legion.

Jackson is a 1992 Air Force Academy graduate who has amassed more than 4,700 flight hours aboard the KC-10 Extender and KC-135 Stratotanker air refueling aircraft.

Travis Air Force Base was one his first assignments, rising from KC-10 commander to wing executive officer in the 10 years he spent here before being sent to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois in 2005. His second time, from 2008-10, at Travis saw him command the 6th Air Refueling Squadron and then serve as deputy commanding officer of the 60th Operations Group.

Jackson arrived back at Travis as 60th Air Mobility Wing commander in February, coming here from command of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas.

Veterans Day festivities start at 10 a.m. with a patriotic concert by the Alive Music Orchestra and a ceremony of remembrance at the Fairfield Center for Creative Arts, 1035 Texas St.

The Veterans Day Parade starts at 12:30 p.m. with participants assembling at Webster and Kentucky streets before parading through downtown along Texas Street. The reviewing and dignitary party will be seated at Texas and Madison streets.

Those who want to participate can get more information and entry forms at www.fairfieldmainstreet.com or by calling 422-0103. The entry deadline is Oct. 28.

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