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Vallejo Celebrates July 4th - "A SALUTE TO AMERICA!"

Vallejo, CA June 1, 2019: The Vallejo Parade Association, a local non-profit organization, presents the 166th Vallejo Fourth of July Parade with "Step Off" at 10:00am on Thursday, July 4. This year's theme is "*A Salute to America!*" The parade starts at Tennessee St. and Broadway and takes the traditional route west to Sonoma Blvd. ... then south on Sonoma ... then west again on Georgina Street ... through the beautiful Downtown to end on Georgia and Santa Clara Streets.

This year's Parade features the usual array of entries including the giant puppets, horses, cars, costumed characters, musical performers, city officials and much more. The Grand Marshall for 2019 is Delphine Metcalf-Foster, the National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans. The Vallejo native's military career included service with the U.S. Army Reserve, 689th Quartermaster Unit, 6253rd Hospital Unit and the 6211th Transportation Unit, Letterman Army Medical Center. She retired from the Army Reserve with rank of first sergeant in 1996.

Ms. Metcalf-Foster was injured in January 1991 while serving in Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Storm/Desert Shield. She was medically evacuated to Germany for care and treatment.

The "Mad Hatter" July 4th 2019 Celebration at the Waterfront will transform the waterfront in a Hatter style for all to enjoy a full day of family activities, performances, children's rides, a reptile compound and tea party train rides. Visitors will also be enchanted by the giant radiant kite display that will be dominating the skies before the Vallejo Fireworks Spectacular on the waterfront.

The festival hosts two large festive food courts serving everything from good ole Southern bar-b-que to international cuisine with a smorgasbord of delights from Greek dishes to Mexican, Filipino, Cajun, Salvadorian and Vegan specialties along with a host of creameries and shaved Hawaiian snow cones to keep everyone cool. Hatter's Artisan Beer & Wine Pub will return in 2019.

For more information, a parade route and a schedule of the day's events, please visit our website at www.vallejojuly4.org, or contact the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce at 707-644-5551 x 13. And for more Mad Hatter info check www.HatterVallejo.com or call 415-533-1522.

Gather your friends and family and plan now to come celebrate our country's birthday and enjoy a great day of fun in Downtown Vallejo and on the waterfront!

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