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Veterans Day Parade set for Saturday

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A fleet of 80 Corvettes will rumble through downtown Bowling Green on Saturday during this year's Veterans Day Parade.

Bryce Burklow, an events associate at the National Corvette Museum, said many of the drivers will be veterans participating through Vets 'n Vettes.

Along with the Corvettes, high school JROTC programs, businesses and public officials will be involved in Bowling Green's 17th annual Veterans Day Parade.

"It's just an opportunity for the community at large to really show their support basically by coming out in force," said Adam Butler, recreation division manager for Bowling Green's Parks and Recreation Department.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at College Street and East Sixth Avenue. It will travel past Circus Square and Fountain Square parks, turn left onto East 10th Avenue, turn left again onto State Street and end at State Street and East Sixth Avenue.

Following the parade, a flag-raising ceremony will be at the Warren County Courthouse on East 10th Avenue.

For JROTC students at Warren Central High School, participating in the parade is nothing to take lightly.

“We’ve been preparing for this for probably about a month now,” said 1st Sgt. John Hurley, an instructor in the school’s JROTC program.

Between making sure every student’s military uniform is up to code and practicing marching to military cadences, Hurley said students are aiming for a high bar.

“I like to tell my cadets we’re the standard setter for other ROTC programs,” he said.

David Angle, an adult education specialist with Veterans Upward Bound at Western Kentucky University, said the parade is a chance to showcase his program.

“For us it’s a means more than anything of giving our program exposure to the community,” he said.



Through the Veterans Upward Bound program, veterans can get help accessing postsecondary education. WKU's program is the only one in the state, and Angle said many people are unaware of its benefits.

"All our services to veterans are free," he said, noting the program aims to "make a veteran's life better."

Butler said the parade includes 85 entries. He encouraged people to turn out so that veterans and service members can see a large show of support.

"The more people that you have that can show out in force it shows more support for them and what they sacrifice for us," he said.

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