Ceremonies to honor military veterans next month in Shelby Township, Sterling Heights

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The communities of Shelby Township and Sterling Heights are inviting local veterans and residents to attend a series of ceremonies next month honoring the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

"Veterans Day is approaching in November and we do have plans for a ceremony," said Phil Randazzo, Shelby Township veterans events coordinator.

According to Randazzo, Shelby Township’s ceremony will begin at noon Nov. 8 at the Veterans Memorial site outside the Municipal Building at 52700 Van Dyke.

"Due to all the new developments that are going on overseas right now involving more and more armies, we should start remembering our veterans more and more for what they’ve gone through and what they’re going to have to go through," Randazzo said.

As part of the festivities, the township will also host the third annual Veterans Memorial 5K Run, which begins at 11 a.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the township’s Veterans Memorial site.

"It’s a great cause, so I hope to see a lot of people there," Randazzo said.

In Sterling Heights, the city’s Veterans Day Ceremony will begin at noon Nov. 8 at the Veterans Memorial site outside the Municipal Building at 52700 Van Dyke.

Shelby Township’s Veterans Day Ceremony will begin at noon Nov. 8 at the Veterans Memorial site outside the Municipal Building at 52700 Van Dyke.

The Sterling Heights Veterans Day Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the Sterling Heights Recreation Center located at 40620 Utica Road, across from City Hall.

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Gallantry with a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart Award.

The ceremony is planned by local area veterans groups with the assistance of the city of Sterling Heights and the Sterling Heights Community Foundation. Event sponsors include Utica Van Dyke Towing and Sam’s Club.

For more information about Shelby Township’s ceremony, visit shelbytwp.org. To learn more about the Sterling Heights Veterans Day Ceremony, visit sterling-heights.net/communityfoundation.