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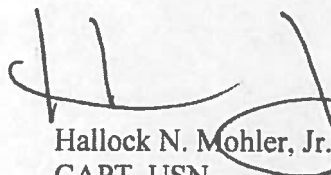
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Planning and Execution Guidance for a Veteran's Day Parade

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide initial guidance for the planning and execution of a military-themed Veteran's Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on November 11, 2018. This parade will focus on the contributions of our Veterans throughout the history of the U.S. Military, starting from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 to today, with an emphasis on the price of freedom. The Joint Staff will serve as the Office of Primary Responsibility for planning this parade while NORTHCOM will lead the execution. The following is a list of planning considerations provided by the Secretary of Defense:

- The parade will integrate with the annual D.C. Veteran's Day Parade.
- The parade route will be from the White House to the Capitol.
- Include the Medal of Honor Association and other Veterans Service Organizations.
- Veterans and Medal of Honor recipients should be surrounding POTUS in the reviewing area at the Capitol.
- The parade will highlight the evolution of women Veterans from separate formations in World War II to today's integrated formations.
- Represent Veterans from previous wars by formations wearing period uniforms.
- Utilize the Old Guard Fife and Drum, uniforms used at Anniversary celebrations, and reenactments.
- Include wheeled vehicles only, no tanks – consideration must be given to minimize damage to local infrastructure.
- Include a heavy air component at the end of the parade, to include older aircraft as available.


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