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The service and sacrifices of military veterans will be honored Saturday when the City of Burleson hosts the third annual Military Veteran Tribute at Renfro Square. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 7.

Music by the Fort Worth City Band will greet veterans and their families as they gather at the square which features a fountain surrounded by bricks. The bricks are

engraved with the names of local service members.

Burleson City Council member Matt Powell is the master of ceremonies. The Burleson Fire Department's Honor Guard will post the colors as Soulful Sound leads the audience in the singing of the "National Anthem." Mayor Ken Shetter will welcome the veterans, and then Rep. Chris Turner will introduce the speaker, Sgt. Vincent Rios, United States Marine Corps Retired. Sgt. Rios served two tours in Vietnam. On his second tour, in 1969, Sgt. Rios was injured by an enemy explosive device and was medically retired. He is a highly decorated veteran who is extremely active in veterans' affairs.

The ceremony includes the presentation of a wreath, presentation of wars by Rep. Rob Orr, a bagpiper, "Taps", and the unveiling of a 7-foot-tall bronze eagle that will become a permanent fixture of the City park. The Burleson Community Singers will close with the singing of "Armed Forces Medley" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Renfro Square is located at the corner of Renfro Street and I-35W in Burleson's Old Town. Saturday's ceremony is supported by the developers of Renfro Square as well as community volunteers.

For more information about the Military Veteran Tribute, call David McDowell at the City's parks and recreation department at 817-295-8168.