

Community pays tribute to heroes past and present

By Tailwind staff

Team Travis participated in Fairfield's Veteran's Day parade, "The Spirit of America," with more than 100 volunteers in uniform, marching in at least three different sections of the procession.

Leading the group was 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Kirk Whitman.

The chief said what was really great about the base's involvement in the parade was that these folks were all volunteers. He said these folks came out on a three-day weekend to show Travis' support for our veterans and community.

Whitman said Travis' participation included a display of capabilities—a fire truck and a humvee.

More impressive than the vehicles, was the professionalism of those Travis members in formation.

"Our color guard and the band were out there, and we had three flights [of personnel], to include a group from the First Term Airman's Center," said the chief.

More than 40 kids from the Drug Education For Youth organization also marched in the parade.



Local Vietnam War veterans march down West Texas Street during the Fairfield Veteran's Day Parade Monday.



Master Sgt. Jerry Clark, 60th Civil Engineering Squadron Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, and Bill Williams, a Vietnam War veteran, ride along the parade route in a 1942 Seagrave fire engine.



The Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard passes under the newly renovated Fairfield County seat sign.



Local children dressed as firefighters and holding Old Glory, display their pride during the parade.



Travis Air Force Base personnel marched alongside community groups and veterans to show their respect for American veterans.



Travis Honor Guardsman of the Quarter Staff Sgt. Malik Favours waves to the crowd during the Fairfield Veteran's Day Parade, while Master Sgt. Barry Perkins drives. Favours is assigned to the 60th Civil Engineering Squadron, while Perkins is assigned to the 615th AMS.

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