

17th Annual Gulf Coast Veterans Parade

MS JROTC Instructors and cadets,

We would like to thank each and every one of you who participated in the 17th Annual Gulf Coast Veterans Parade in Biloxi on Nov 11th!

For all of you who participated, and especially those who traveled a distance to march with us, we appreciate your joining us and hope you arrived back home safely. We hope this was a memorable occasion and you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did in preparations for you to participate with us.

We would love to have you participate next year's 18th Annual Gulf Coast Veterans Parade on Sat, Nov 10, 2018.

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JROTC Marching Units

- Bay High School (Air Force JROTC)
- Bay Springs High School (Army JROTC)
- Biloxi High School (Air Force JROTC)
- Callaway High School (Army JROTC)
- D'Iberville High School (Army JROTC)
- Forrest Hill High School (Army JROTC)
- George County High School (Army JROTC)
- Gulfport High School (Marine Corps JROTC)
- Harrison Central High School (Army JROTC)
- Hazlehurst High School (Army JROTC)
- Lanier High School (Army JROTC)
- Natchez High School (Air Force JROTC)
- Ocean Springs High School (Army JROTC)
- St Martin High School (Air Force JROTC)
- Terry High School (Army JROTC)
- West Harrison High School (Army JROTC)
- Yazoo City High School (Army JROTC)



Seventeen of our 84 MS JROTC units marched in the 17th Annual Gulf Coast Veterans Parade in Biloxi on Nov 11, 2017.



Approximately 100 unique floats, marching bands and military units marched in the largest Veterans Day parade on the Gulf Coast.



Maj Gen Timothy Leahy, 2nd Air Force commander, Col Debra Lovette, 81st Training Wing commander, and Col C. Mike Smith, 81st TRW vice commander, salute Saint Martin Air Force JROTC cadets.



Approximately 1,900 participants marched the 1.7 mile parade route which started near the IP Casino Resort, past Biloxi City Hall and ended at the Biloxi Town Green.



Retired U.S. Navy Master Chief Dick Wade, 90, served as the parade's grand marshal. Chief Wade has served in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and the Seabees in WW II.



Chief Wade enlisted in 1944 and served in Europe during WW II. He retired from the military in 1996 as Command Master Chief for NCMCB 74. He remained in Mississippi after retiring from the armed forces after serving for 45 years.