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## Lamorinda 4th of July Parade Salutes Veterans

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Veteran in last years parade Photo Ohlen Alexander

In keeping with this year's 29th annual Lamorinda 4th of July Parade and Celebration theme, Saluting All Veterans, veterans from all conflicts, from World War II through the Iraq/Afghanistan conflict, are invited to march or ride in the parade. Title sponsor Orinda Motors is providing a large number of convertibles for veterans, but more are needed.

Festivities will start at 7:50 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, with the flag raising in front of the Orinda Community Center followed at 8 a.m. by Fun Runs. A pancake breakfast will be available from 7 until 10 a.m. in the Community Center. Parade assembly for all participants is at 9 a.m. in the Orinda BART station parking lot on the east side of Camino Pablo. The parade starts there at 10 a.m., follows a course through the business districts on both sides of Highway 24 and concludes by 11:30 a.m. in front of the Community Center. The celebration then continues in the Community Center Park with musical entertainment, children's activities and displays by community service and non-profit groups. Food and beverages will be available for sale.

For more information, veterans are asked to contact Terry Murphy of the local VFW post at (925) 285-1510 or [terry.murphy2@comcast.net](mailto:terry.murphy2@comcast.net). For general information about the parade and celebration, please contact the Orinda

Association at (925) 254-0800 or [oa@orindaassociation.org](mailto:oa@orindaassociation.org).

This event is presented by the Orinda Association in partnership with the Orinda Community Foundation and is sponsored by Orinda Motors, Mechanics Bank, the Orinda Chamber of Commerce and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

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