

Memorial Day parade honors naval service

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an intelligence briefing officer during his fleet tour.

He's now commander of the Naval Air Reservist unit in Lajes, Azores and the Naval Air Reservist unit at Selfridge Air National Guard Base near Mount Clemens.

The memorial service will include the invocation by a veterans post chaplain, a firing squad, the playing of Taps and "Best of Class" parade awards. Petty officers Jackie Robinson and Michael Hermann, based at Selfridge, will be honored as Detroit Active Duty Sailor of the Year and Detroit Reserve Sailor of the Year, respectively. "For meritorious achievement" during the past year.

"All area residents are urged to join with us in paying respect to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country," said Veterans Memorial Day Parade Committee chairman Wally Christensen, chaplain at American Legion Groves-Walker Post 348 in Farmington.

A Korean War veteran and former Army medical corps airborne para trooper, Christensen says Memorial Day is a time to remember that "we would not have the freedom we enjoy today if it hadn't been for the personal sacrifices of so many."

"These veterans should never be forgotten," the Farmington resident said.

BEFORE the memorial service, Boston will lead the parade and salute color guards representing the armed forces and veterans groups. The one-hour parade will step off

at 10 a.m. sharp from the Farmington Plaza on Grand River, just west of Orchard Lake Road. It will proceed west to the Veterans Memorial.

The sidewalks on both sides of Grand River provide good viewing spots. The award-winning marching bands from North Farmington, Farmington, Clarensville and Harrison senior highs will take part. North, led by drum major Catherine Johnson, will be the lead band.

The procession will include an Air Force ROTC unit from Livonia Churchill High School, a Navy ROTC unit from Livonia Franklin High School, a Civil Air Patrol marching unit and dignitaries from the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A flyover will feature a F-4 Phantom fighter from the 191st Fighter Interceptor Group based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Other parade participants include Farmington Mayor Richard Tupper, Farmington Hills Mayor Jody Soronen, their city councils and police chiefs, state Sen. Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills, state Rep. Wilbur Brotherton of Farmington, Oakland County commissioners John McDonald and David Moffitt and District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington.

Memorial floats will include a Navy battleship. Also scheduled are antique cars, fire trucks, scouts and Indian guides.

The parade is co-sponsored by Groves-Walker Post 348, VFW Brotherhood Post 2269 of Farmington Hills and American Legion Northwest Post 190 of Farmington Hills.



As Dads Club member Ernie Grush (left) reads a school flyer, Moms Club member Yvonne Larabelle sells drawing tickets and giving away shopper prizes during Mercy High's Great Scott Day May 4.

\$3,000 raised to help programs at Mercy

Farmington Hills Mercy High School Dads and Mothers Clubs raised \$3,000 at their spring Mercy Great Scott Day May 4. The event was held at the Middlebelt 11 Mile Great Scott store, across the street from the private, all-girls school.

Great Scott donated a portion of all sales that day to benefit Mercy extracurricular activities. This year most of the proceeds are scheduled to be used to support the Mercy

Sports Complex, the multi-sport facility adjacent to the school.

The complex has been planned by the Dads' Club and will be paid for entirely by volunteer contributions.

As usual at Great Scott Day, the nationally renowned Mercysaires provided entertainment. The Mercy girls pitched in to help bag groceries and to help customers cart groceries to their cars. The day's events included a drawing.

Road widening tops priority list

Widening Orchard Lake Road from Grand River north to the I-96 freeway has been made a top priority project for Oakland County, according to one local official.

The project, estimated to cost about \$5 million, has been moved ahead two years from a 1991 construction start to 1989, according to a report from Farmington city manager Robert Deadman. The widening work will occur in both Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"It's the number one project for the county for the 1989 construction year," Deadman said. "After years of work, it appears that improvements to Orchard Lake Road may now become a reality."

Previously, local officials were waiting for a federal grant to pay a large portion of the costs. A new state highway grant will pay 75 percent of construction for the project, which allowed the timetable to be moved up.

The project will be completed in three segments, and possibly during one construction year.

A HALF-MILLION dollar federal grant has already been received to pay a portion of right-of-way and engineering costs. Local government units, including Farmington, Farmington Hills and the Oakland County Road Commission (OCRC) will share the balance of the costs.

Widening Orchard Lake Road from Grand River north to the I-96 freeway is estimated to cost about \$5 million. The project is expected to begin in 1989.

• of \$500,000 estimated for right-of-way acquisition, the local share would be \$125,000. OCRC would pay \$62,500 and each city would pay \$31,250.

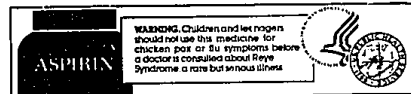
• of \$285,000 in preliminary engineering work, the local share would be \$71,250. OCRC would pay \$35,625, Farmington Hills \$23,513 and Farmington \$12,825.

The cost-sharing formula for engineering work was based on the number of feet of roadway in each community.

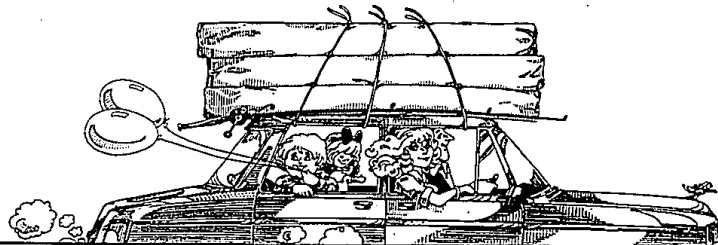
The Farmington City Council approved that city's share May 18.

Deadman said the financing method used for the local share of construction will depend on the final cost of the project. It will be funded either through surplus money or through bond sales.

The widening plan calls for five lanes of road from Grand River to 10 Mile in Farmington, and from 3-5 lanes from 10 Mile to I-96 in Farmington Hills.



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