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VETERANS DAY CEREMONY ON THURSDAY FEATURES LT. GEN. RUSSEL HONORE

Kenner, LA. – Retired Lt. General Russel Honore, who was commander of a task force that led the U.S. Department of Defense’s response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, is the featured speaker at Kenner’s Veterans Day ceremony, at 10 a.m. Thursday in Veterans Park.

The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. in the park located just behind the Kenner City Hall complex at 1801 Williams Blvd. The U.S. Marine Corps Band will provide the music at the ceremony.

Honore, a Lakeland, Louisiana native who retired in 2008 after 37 years in the military, held command assignments around the world, from Germany and Korea to Fort Hood, Texas. As commander of the Katarina task force, he was commended for his no-nonsense approach and hard work. He became known as the “Category 5 General.”

“It is both a tremendous honor and a privilege to have Lt. Gen. Honore for our Veterans Day ceremony,” said Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni, a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserves. “I believe in patriotism, and I believe in never forgetting the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, as well as the soldiers who were and remain willing to make that sacrifice every day to keep our country safe.”

Since retiring, Honore has focused on consulting nationally on “Building a Culture of Preparedness.”

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