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FORMER LT. GOV. JIMMY FITZMORRIS TO SPEAK AT KENNER VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Kenner, LA. - Former Lt. Gov. Jimmy Fitzmorris, who spent three years in the U.S. Army in World War II, starting as a private and eventually becoming a major, is the featured speaker at Kenner's Veterans Day ceremony on Wednesday.

The event includes music by the U.S. Marine Corps Band and the re-dedication of a ceremonial Purple Heart that was originally placed in a capsule in 1997, but accidentally unearthed recently. The medal, a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice given by men and women in the military, was a gift from the Military Order of the Purple Heart organization.

The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. in Veterans Park behind the City Hall Complex at 1801 Williams Blvd. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

"I think it is important for all of us to be reminded of the sacrifices made by members of the military and to honor those – both living and dead – for making it possible for all us to enjoy the freedoms many people throughout the world do not enjoy," said Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni, a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

The mayor added that he was particularly proud to have Fitzmorris as the featured speaker.

"Not only was Jimmy one of the greatest politicians in the history of Louisiana, but he served his country with honor in World War II, quickly moving up the ranks to become a major," Yenni said.

For more information on the Veteran's Day ceremony, contact Kenner Public Information Officer Bob Ross at (504) 468-4091.

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