

US CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON &  
DESOTO MAYOR CURTISTENE MCCOWAN PRESENT

# Vet Fest

SATURDAY  
NOV 11

**HISTORIC NANCE FARM**  
1325 Greenbrook Drive, DeSoto  
In the Mantlebrook Subdivision

**9:00AM - NOON**

- ★ Unveiling of DeSoto's Military Monument and Veteran's Appreciation Ceremony at 9 am
- ★ Job opportunities for Veterans
- ★ Vendors offering services for Veterans
- ★ VA Benefit Representative
- ★ Free flu shots and blood pressure checks
- Tours of Historic Nance Farm and Military Museum from 9 am to noon

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Parking is minimal in the neighborhood around Nance Farm.  
Please park at DeSoto Town Center and ride the free shuttle leaving  
at 8:30 am and every hour through 11:30am.

"It is altogether fitting that the City of DeSoto chose Nance Farm as the site to erect and dedicate a Veterans Memorial," said Mayor Curtistene McCowan. "I truly believe the DeSoto Veterans Memorial at historic Nance Farm will be an iconic civic landmark in our City and will stand as a place of hope and inspiration for local residents and visitors to come together as one," said McCowan. "The Veterans Memorial is a symbol of the appreciation, love and shared pride our All America City has in our veterans."

In 2016 the granite obelisk pictured above was placed on the southeast corner of the Nance Farm property. That area has been surrounded by wrought iron fencing and decorated with USA, POW, Texas and DeSoto flags. The obelisk is seven feet tall and made of Georgia granite. Each of the four sides of the monument bears commemorative words of appreciation for military service.

Each year on the Saturday closest to Veterans Day, the City of DeSoto hosts Vet Fest, an event designed to recognize and show appreciation for the sacrifice made by our military veterans and their families. On "Saturday November 11th, it seems like a particularly appropriate time to host Vet Fest at Nance Farm and unveil the memorial to the public," said McCowan.

Veterans and their families and the general public are invited to join us at Nance Farm, located at 1325 Greenbrook Drive in the Mantlebrook Subdivision from 9 am to noon. A special ceremony to unveil the memorial will take place at 9 am and will feature a keynote address by U S Congresswoman, Eddie Bernice Johnson.

Following the Monument Unveiling and Appreciation Ceremony, Nance Farm will be open to the public for tours of the home and viewing of the DeSoto Firsts Exhibit of historical photos and documents commemorating "first" events in our City. There is also a Military Veterans Exhibit made up of memorabilia on loan from area veterans and past appreciation events, and an excerpt from the Pathway to Freedom Exhibit including educational items regarding the Civil Rights Era, the Underground Railroad and Juneteenth.

"The transformation of Nance Farm into a historical museum will demonstrate DeSoto's commitment to capturing the city's rich history from its humble beginnings to the present, thus providing both educational and cultural experiences for all ages," said Mayor McCowan. For more information, please call Kathy Jones at 972.230.9648.