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Veteran's Day Activities & Honorees Announced

The Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission will honor James McEachin, a highly decorated Korean War veteran, as Patriot of the Year, along with Veteran of the Year –Maj. Mordecai “Mawk” Arnold who served in three wars – World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. (Bios & photos attached).

Both will be recognized during the commission's Veterans Day luncheon on Monday, Nov. 11 at Fort Whiting Armory at noon.

McEachin is an accomplished actor and award-winning author. He is perhaps best known for his television roles on *Perry Mason*, *Matlock* and *The Rockford Files*, and the movies *Play Misty for Me* and *Tenafly*.

Arnold, whose hometown is Fairhope, retired from the Marine Corps in 1977 with more than 34 years of honorable service. Complementing his military career is his dedication to a number of veteran organizations, including the American Legion, Post 199, Fairhope, and the Jesse Andrews Jr. Detachment of the Marine Corps League, Daphne.

The day's events begin with the annual parade along Government Street in downtown Mobile at 10 a.m., featuring several veterans' organizations, active duty units, Reserve & National Guard units, ROTC and JROTC units, scouts and local marching bands. The luncheon follows, and is sponsored by BAE Systems. Later at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park there is a Freedom Celebration at 3 p.m. and a Mobile Pops Concert at 7 p.m.

The parade and celebrations at the USS Alabama are free to the public. Luncheon tickets are \$18 per person or \$144 for a table of eight. To purchase tickets, contact Carolyn Hunt at 251-431-8621 or chunt@mobilechamber.com. Payment is due with reservation.

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