

Never Forget.

City of Woodstock
9/11 Day of Remembrance
2021

Master of Ceremonies	Donnie Henriques	City of Woodstock Mayor, United States Air Force, Vietnam Veteran
Presentation of Colors	American Heritage Girls	Troop 2012, Woodstock Community Church, AmericanHeritageGirls.org
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	American Heritage Girls	Troop 2012, Woodstock Community Church, AmericanHeritageGirls.org
<i>Star Spangled Banner</i>	String Ensemble	Colleen Lively Strings, Woodstock Strings, and Faith Music Academy
Opening Prayer	Stephanie Robison	Connections/Outreach Pastor, Momentum Church, MomentumChurch.tv
<i>9/11 Proclamation</i>	Donnie Henriques	City of Woodstock Mayor, United States Air Force, Vietnam Veteran
<i>Where Were You?</i>	Moment of Reflection	Recorded by singer Alan Jackson, released November 26, 2001
Guest Speaker	Scott McElroy	SFC, US Army (Ret.), Georgia Army National Guard, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office
<i>America the Beautiful</i>	String Ensemble	Colleen Lively Strings, Woodstock Strings, and Faith Music Academy
Guest Speaker	Brandon Williams	Leadership Speaker/Management Consultant, Major Airline Pilot LtCol (Ret.) USAF Reserves
<i>My Country Tis of Thee</i>	String Ensemble	Colleen Lively Strings, Woodstock Strings, and Faith Music Academy
Comments & Closing Prayer	Ross Wiseman	Lead Pastor and Founder, Momentum Church, MomentumChurch.tv
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	String Ensemble	Colleen Lively Strings, Woodstock Strings, and Faith Music Academy
Retirement of the Colors	American Heritage Girls	Troop 2012, Woodstock Community Church, AmericanHeritageGirls.org
<i>TAPS</i>		Thank you for sharing this day with us.

Mayor **Donnie P. Henriques** first served as councilmember for Ward 6 from 2000-2004. He took office as Mayor in January 2006, where he has served since, making him the longest serving Mayor in Woodstock history. He has decided not to seek reelection and will retire at the end of 2021. He is married to Dr. Jan Henriques and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He is originally from New Orleans, LA, but has lived here since 1993. He is a Vietnam veteran who served in the US Air Force from 1970 – 1974. He graduated from LSU of New Orleans in 1979 with a BS degree in HRT/Business Management. After 30 years in hospitality and sales management, Donnie retired from Northside Hospital-Cherokee in Community Relations.

Brandon **Williams** has lived in Woodstock for over 7 years with his wife, Lauren, and two children, Mallory and Mason. He currently volunteers and serves in our community in several areas, including the Woodstock Planning Commission. Originally from Fayetteville, GA, Brandon attended the United States Air Force Academy, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduating from the Air Force Academy, he was selected to go to Air Force Pilot Training, and ultimately was trained to be an F-15E Fighter Pilot. As an F-15E Fighter Pilot, he deployed and flew over 315 combat hours and 63 combat missions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. As an Officer in the United States Air Force, Brandon also served in numerous leadership roles around the globe. After 12 years of Active Duty, Brandon continued his service in the United States Air Force Reserve and recently retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with over 20 years of total service. He currently flies as a Pilot for a Major Airline and operates his own business where he travels around the country speaking and working with companies as a Leadership Speaker and Management Consultant.

Scott **F. McElroy** is a Cherokee County native, raised in Hickory Flat. He is a graduate of Cherokee High School and earned Eagle Scout with BSA Troop 125. Scott served in the US Navy as an Intelligence Specialist. While in the Navy, he served onboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Kitty Hawk in the western pacific and also served at the US Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela. He left the Navy in February 2000 and enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard as a Counterintelligence Special Agent. While in the Georgia Army National Guard he deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, US Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, and Kosovo. While in Iraq, Scott was awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in combat. During this time, he also served in the Alabama National Guard, 1st BN, 20th Special Forces Group (A). Scott went on to work for the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office from 2003 to 2015. While at the CSO he worked in the Uniform Patrol, SWAT/SNIPER, CMANS, and the Training Division. In 2014, Scott retired from the National Guard and in January 2015, left the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office. During his law enforcement career, he also worked for the Holly Springs Police Department. He was selected as the Cherokee County First Citizen in 2018. Scott currently resides in the Clayton Community with his wife, Patty Baker. They have four children and three grandchildren. He currently serves on the Georgia National Cemetery Advisory Council. He also serves on the board for Home Front Guardians, Inc., a non-profit company that raises money for the Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, Veterans, and First Responders injured in the line of duty.

Thank you to **Adam Dreyer** and **Charlie Fisher** who donated the 9/11 Victims and 9/11 First Responder Flags displayed at today's ceremony. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. **American Heritage Girls Troop 2012** for volunteering their time and talent each year. **Momentum Church** for their support and assistance throughout the year, they have been a partner to the Parks and Recreation Department since 2007. To **Mayor Donnie Henriques** for his years of leadership, love of country, and service.

Introducing **Tuesday's Children**, a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides a lifetime of healing for families who have been forever changed by terrorism, military conflict, or mass violence. Please visit their website at www.TuesdaysChildren.org. This organization has been built through continuous service to families forever changed by the events of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. They vow to always serve the 9/11 community no matter how much time has passed. This includes 9/11 first responders and their family members. Charlie Fisher, now a Woodstock resident, lived in New York City and served as a co chairman for this meaningful charity.

~NEVER FORGET~

Never forget the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001.

Never forget what it means as Americans to persevere. Never forget the freedoms we cherish and often take for granted.

Never forget all those who serve, our soldiers and the men and women of police, fire, and rescue. Never forget our military families.

Never forget our veterans from past wars. Never forget those who paid the ultimate price. Never forget to fly your flag.

AND NEVER FORGET, FREEDOM DOES NOT COME FREE.

God Bless America!

City of Woodstock Parks and Recreation Department