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American veterans will be honored this week as local residents and city leaders gather for a number of events scheduled to take place throughout the West Valley:

- Estrella Mountain Community College will celebrate Veterans Day from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday with a flag-raising ceremony by POW, MIA, KIA Honor Guard American Legion Post 1. The event will include veteran guest speakers and light refreshments. The college is at Dysart and Thomas roads in Avondale. For information, contact the college's Veterans Services Office at 623-935-8937.
- Avondale, in partnership with American Legion Crandall Palmer Post 61 and the VFW Pat Tillman Memorial Post 40, will hold its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. Thursday to honor all veterans in the community. The event will take place at the Avondale Civic Center Amphitheater, 11465 W. Civic Center Drive.

Joining Avondale in this year's tribute are guest speakers Col. Robert K. McCutchen, special assistant to the 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, and Avondale Police Department Detective Reuben M. Gonzales, a retired lieutenant commander with the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.

Albert Beadell, 99, who is a World War II veteran and a longtime member of the VFW, will be honored with a mayoral proclamation by Avondale Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers.

The event will also feature the Agua Fria High School District ROTC Color Guard's posting of the colors, a flyover by Luke Air Force Base F-16s and a re-enlistment ceremony for three service members from Luke. Guests will also have an opportunity to view the most recent installation of engraved bricks at the Veterans Memorial Walk of Honor.

The public is invited to take lawn chairs and blankets. For information, call 623-333-2400.

- In Goodyear, a Veterans Day parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday near the parking area of Tuscan Falls Clubhouse, 16262 Clubhouse Drive. The old-fashioned parade will take place within the retirement community of PebbleCreek and feature marching bands from Agua Fria and Desert Edge high schools, as well as veterans from local posts. The parade will end at the Armed Forces display near the Eagles Nest clubhouse.
- Tolleson's Veterans Day event is held in conjunction with VFW Post 6310. The ceremony runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tolleson Veterans Park, 8601 W. Van Buren St., and will include an F-16 flyover at 10:30 a.m.

Also featured will be the Tolleson Union High School band and choir, entertainment, free food, children's activities, a United Blood Services blood drive, and the Tolleson Ballet Folklorico Dance Group.

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