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### **The Annual Morgantown Jaycees Christmas Parade to Take Place on December 12**

MORGANTOWN – The annual Morgantown Christmas Parade will take place on Monday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. Those participating will begin lining up on North High Street at 4:45 with traffic being re-routed by the Morgantown Police Department starting at 5:30 p.m.

Morgantown Jaycees, the organization that puts together the event, says this year's parade is set to have more than 3,500 participants. Organizers say the parade rivals the WVU Homecoming Parade in size, with nearly ten middle and high school bands marching.

The Morgantown High School Red and Blue Marching Band will lead and end the parade. The MHS Band will just be returning from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii where they will serve as an Honor Band during the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor.

“We’re going to have the Morgantown High School Red and Blue Marching Band start the parade by marching down, without instruments, behind the United States Marines Honor Guard,” said Mike Hopkins, an organizer of the event. “They’ll silently march down the street to honor all veterans, male and female, particularly from World War II.”

The parade will end with the MHS Band and Santa Claus coming down High Street sitting atop a City of Morgantown Ladder Fire Truck.

The MHS Band and M&M’s will perform in front of the Courthouse Square while Santa rides through. The band will conclude by following Santa to the end of the parade route.

In the event of a weather emergency, the parade has a make-up date of Wednesday, December 14. A decision will be made, cooperatively with officials, by December 9 or before, should the date of the parade need to be changed.

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