

City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department 400 La Crosse St, La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear City of La Crosse Parks Recreation and Forestry Commissioners,

I am the president of the La Crosse Council Navy League. Our council is made up of citizens of our community and our mission is to support the members of the military sea services and their families. For the past two years we have used Myrick Park as the site for an Honor Run. The purpose of the event is to honor the fallen of those that serve our communities in uniform and include police, fire, EMT and all branches of the U.S. military. The event also thanks the living who continue to serve us today. The event starts with a rose ceremony to recognize the fallen. After the rose ceremony we transition to a 5K walk run to thank the living. Proceeds from the event are given to organizations that align with our mission. In our first year the net proceeds in the amount of \$1,600 each was given to Freedom Honor Flight and Camp Hometown Heroes. Last year the amount was \$1,500 each to Freedom Honor Flight and USO Wisconsin. This year we will donate again to Freedom Honor Flight and The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society for military family hurricane relief.

The rose ceremony is scheduled to take place in front of the main shelter in Myrick Park. The 5K run/walk will begin in Myrick Park continue on the marsh trails and end in Myrick Park. The two previous events were successful due to the support and cooperation of the City Parks Recreation and Forestry staff.

We are seeking approval to continue this tradition and allow this event. This year we are planning for November 4, 2017. We are also changing the name of the event to "Run for Honor".

Thank you for your consideration,

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