



Lumbee Homecoming:

A Foundation of Pride since 1968!

It needs to be said again that Lumbee Homecoming over the past 50 years has played a significant role in the Lumbee people's history as it helped to seed a strong renaissance of ethnic pride, and tribal identity awareness across our communities, in our counties, and the nation, including all of Indian Country USA.

Lumbee Homecoming showcases our historic and modern, educational, social, economic, political and cultural contributions to the nation. That is why for this 50th celebration the Board of Directors and all of the staff at LRDA recognize that this past 50 years has been a freedom and privilege provided to our people to be a part of and enjoy, because of all veterans who assured our liberties by their sacrifices. The theme of the year's celebration is in honor of our veterans.

Therefore the Board of Directors of LRDA has and hereby dedicates all of this Lumbee Homecoming 50th Celebration to, in particularly our Lumbee Tribal Veterans, and all veterans who assured our nation all the freedoms we enjoy and so often take for granted.

The Lumbee Warriors Association leaders began working with LRDA in February on ways we can showcase our veterans in this 50th Homecoming event. Our Grand Marshals this year for the Homecoming Parade will be veterans who will be leading that event on floats. It would be great to get a big old Lumbee Wave, (stand) from those sitting and able, started as they ascend thru town that morning.

To also bring recognition and honor to our veterans during the parade, paratrooper Sky Divers will jump at 9:45 am and land in the Milton Hunt Town Park next to Burger King. Volunteers will be holding the American Flag stationed throughout the main parade route and the Camp Lejeune Marine Marching Band will cap off the parade, showcasing in honor of our veterans.

The Governor is scheduled to be in the parade also in honor of this 50th year and its veteran honorees. Let's join together and thank, as a part of this 50th celebration of Lumbee Homecoming, all those who have protected our freedoms.

For this 50th event, again, we hope that you will enjoy all the events planned for Lumbee Homecoming 2018. On behalf of the Lumbee Regional Development Association Board of Directors and

staff we welcome the public to this 50th anniversary celebration. Be safe and enjoy all there is to be offered.

For a list all the events go to: www.lumbeehomecoming.com.