



MEDIA ADVISORY



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Irving Fire Department Lieutenant/Paramedic to Receive Navy Cross Cited for Extraordinary Heroism While Serving in the U.S. Marine Corps

(IRVING, TEXAS) - U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Paul J. Kennedy will award Staff Sgt. Eric Smith, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), with the Navy Cross, the second highest military decoration that may be awarded to a member of the United States Navy or the U.S. Marine Corps. In 2004, Smith also was awarded the Silver Star, third-highest personal decoration for valor.

Lt. Smith has served with the Irving Fire Department since 2008. “The Irving Fire Department is honored to work alongside Lt. Smith. He serves as a tremendous inspiration and role model for the entire department as well as the residents who live here,” said Irving Fire Chief Victor Conley. “We are certainly proud he chose Irving.”

When: 2 p.m., Sept. 14

Where: Veterans Memorial Park, 644 Rock Island Rd.

The event is scheduled to begin promptly at 2 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. [Click here](#) to read more about Lt. Smith’s heroic story.



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