



# Germantown American Legion

## Diesen-Winkler Post 325

# WELCOME HOME SOLDIER

Since the Clinton County Veteran's Day Celebration has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19, Germantown American Legion will be hosting a "Welcome Home Soldier" drive by parade on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00pm for a member of our post. Line-up will start at the Legion and will parade through out the streets of Germantown with members of the Legion, Sons, Auxiliary, Riders, and the Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton County Chapter 269.

Army National Guard Specialist Mike Ortiz is currently on charge leave until March after an eleven-month deployment in the Middle East. Because of the virus, he was quarantine for two weeks at Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX once he arrived in the USA with the Bravo Company on 10/11/20. After that, he had to finish his duties on the base prior to his arrival at home with his family on 10/30/20. He was stationed in Jordan which is bordered by Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Israel, and Palestine. SPC Ortiz was also stationed in Bahrain and Kuwait in the Persian Gulf during his deployment.

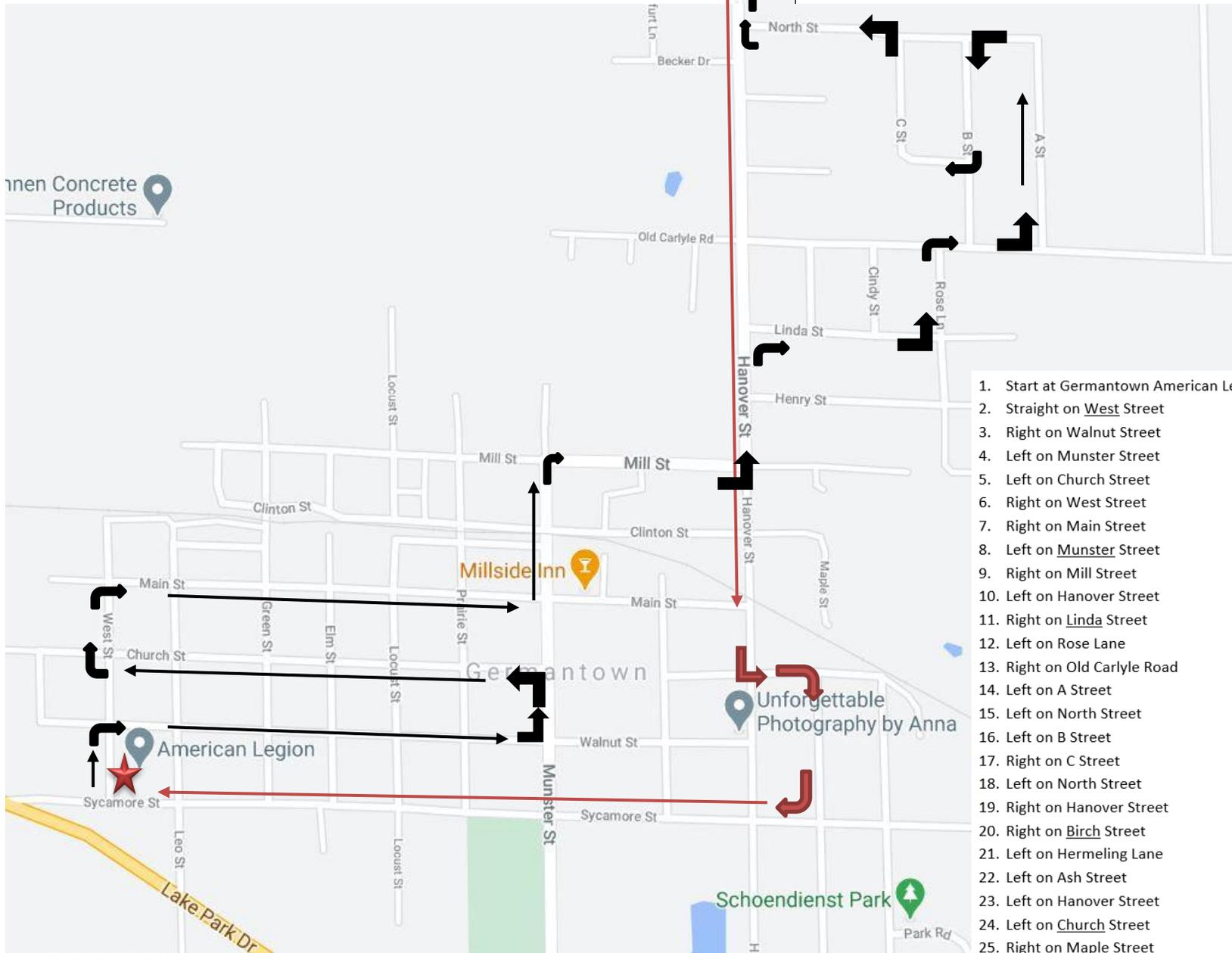
SPC Ortiz awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal (NDSM), The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM) with "M" Device as well as Army Service ribbon.

SPC Ortiz is a 2017 graduate of Central Community High School and started basic training in the US Army National Guard in June after graduating. While attending high school, he was part of the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) weekend drills. He plans to reenlist for another five years when his contract expires in June 2021. He plans to attend a local college and pursue a career in criminal justice. His ideal position would be to serve the community of Clinton County as a police officer.

SPC Ortiz is the son of Norma Ortiz and Uriel Simon of New Baden, formally of Germantown. He has three siblings, Monica, Juan, and Nikki living at home. He is the grandson of Jose and Angelina Ortiz, of Germantown, owner of El Maguey store in Breese. His girlfriend of three years, Yazmin Detmer, also resides in Germantown and is currently pursuing a degree as an RN.

[Please help us welcome SPC Ortiz home from active duty!](#)

★ \*DENOTES – START & END LOCATION



1. Start at Germantown American Legion (1105 Sycamore Street)
2. Straight on West Street
3. Right on Walnut Street
4. Left on Munster Street
5. Left on Church Street
6. Right on West Street
7. Right on Main Street
8. Left on Munster Street
9. Right on Mill Street
10. Left on Hanover Street
11. Right on Linda Street
12. Left on Rose Lane
13. Right on Old Carlyle Road
14. Left on A Street
15. Left on North Street
16. Left on B Street
17. Right on C Street
18. Left on North Street
19. Right on Hanover Street
20. Right on Birch Street
21. Left on Hermeling Lane
22. Left on Ash Street
23. Left on Hanover Street
24. Left on Church Street
25. Right on Maple Street
26. Right on Sycamore Street
27. Across Hanover Street to Germantown American Legion