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The Holiday Lighted Parade celebrated its 25th anniversary Saturday night. The parade was held at the Winona Community’s Warming Shelter, a place for Winona’s homeless to find warmth and clothing among other resources.

The parade was able to go on its traditional route again this year, which started at 17th Avenue and Broadway and went up to 44th Avenue finishing at the Winona Elks Lodge. There was a reception held at the Elks Lodge after the parade where there was a giveaway for two kids’ bikes, and Autism also partnered with the kids in attendance.

At the reception was where the donations were taken for the Warming Shelter. It was great to see the parade go back to its original route for co-chair Jen Hemmelman after having a detour parade last year.

“Everybody’s very excited,” Hemmelman said Friday. “And I think even the community is excited because we have quite a few more people than we’ve had in previous years. I think people are excited to be back out there.”

The parade featured floats and a large sampling of the crowd from the parade which Hemmelman was very excited to see at this year’s parade.

Many of the floats that were part of the parade included the Steamboat Days float, the Welsel Float, the Elks Club Float, the Kiwanis Club Float, the Rotary Club Float, and many others.

The parade also featured several fire trucks, police cars, and other vehicles from local law enforcement agencies.

Hemmelman was also excited about the fact that the parade will be able to return back to normal this year. “It’s so great to see people return,” Hemmelman said.

“It’s the favorite part of the parade, Hemmelman couldn’t think of just one thing. “The whole thing I think just means a lot to all of us, but I think it definitely affects the kids in the community.” Hemmelman said. “That’s our favorite part. Everything we do is to try to better our community. So just seeing the kids and raising these funds to help someone else it’s a win-win situation and it just warms our heart all together.”

“I think just the spirit of getting during the holiday and seeing all the kids during what’s the greatest month of the year you see everybody on the community enjoys doing the Holiday Parade.” She added.

MAN, 101, RETURNS TO HONOR THE ONES LOST

Police chief amid Floyd fallout to retire

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Conclusion Press

Hennepol — When Japanese bombs began falling on Pearl Har- bor, U.S. Navy Seaman 1st Class David Russell first sought safety below deck in the USS Oklahoma. But a split-second decision on that December morning 80 years ago changed his mind, and likely saved his life.

“They started closing that hatch. And I decided to get out of there,” Russell, 101, said in a birthday card while talking about his time aboard the USS Oklahoma and the attack that launched the U.S. into World War II.

Within 12 minutes, the hulking ship would capsize under a barrage of torpedoes. Altogether, more than 2,300 American troops were killed that December morning. In this rapidly changing news environment, make sure your digital account is activated so you can reach the latest local news, a daily digital subscription is switched with our membership.

One of those victims was Russell, who was 21 at the time.

Russell plans to return to Pearl Harbor on Tuesday for a ceremony in remembrance of the more than 2,500 American troops who died in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack that launched the U.S. into World War II.

About 31 survivors and 100 other veterans from the war are expected to observe a formal opening of the USS Oklahoma that day.

Survivors, now mostly in their 90s or older, still have lived since that day due to the coronavirus pandemic and went to the site.

Russell, who won’t accept a third term as chief, said he’ll move forward in collaboration with his team to advance this critically important work that lies ahead of us.”

Arradondo, who first joined the department in 1989 as a patrol officer in downtown Minneapolis, was seen as an agent of reform since he was named chief in 2017.

Arradondo has said he has no plans to pursue elected office or police jobs elsewhere.

The department has struggled with the same ongoing crime seen in many major U.S. cities in the past 18 months, and has been doing so even in many of- ficer-favoured neighborhoods. The department is as much as one-third below its authorized maximum size.

Arradondo immediately fired the four officers involved, in a series of moves that included a rapid review of police use of force policy.

Russell is traveling to Hawaii with the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit founded by former NFL Linebacker Dennis Edwards that helps World War II veterans return to their old battlefields.

Russell called speaking to the attack’s victims to be the most memorable thing he did.

The event started Russell plans to return to Pearl Har- bor and work with a team of veterans that includes a Minnesota State University-Mankato professor, a Navy veteran, and a former witness to the attack.

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