



## Parade Guidelines

National Veterans Parade, Washington, DC  
November 12th 2023 at Noon  
Entry Qualifications and Standard Practices

**National Veterans Parade organizers prohibit any display of commercial, political, religious or issue-related advertising on or by any person, unit, or part of a unit in the parade, with the exception of pre-approved units with commercial logos, Parade Sponsor, or commercial units.**

- 1.** Purpose: Honoring our nation's Veteran Community with positive messaging and conduct with respect for their military service. All branches of service, (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and Space Force), are recognized for their service and honoring the Sacred Oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of The United States.
- 2.** Requirements for entry. Entrants must complete a Parade Entry Application completely. All entries are subject to the approval of The National Veterans Parade Foundation. Accepted or declined, all entries will be notified on a rolling basis as entered. Accepted units must accept the terms of participation as outlined.
- 3.** Units applying may be subject to size limitations base on the information submitted.
- 4.** The National Veterans Parade Foundation requests that all participants be 13 years or older.
- 5.** All units are expected to remove all trash generated by them from staging area to dispersal.
- 6.** Safety: Parade participants on floats must be fastened securely with a safety harness. Random inspections by Parade Officials will take place. Float drivers must show Certificate of Insurance or Insurance Card for their vehicles, and have a valid drivers license. All drivers are asked to provide a drainage pan for under any motorized vehicle while staging.
- 7.** No throwing of any objects into the crowd from Parade Route. No giveaways, handouts, or otherwise any solicitation to members of the crowd.
- 8.** No stopping on Parade Route. No standing performance of any kind that stops the Parade, in the event of an emergency, notifying Parade Marshall who may summon Emergency Services.
- 9.** Accepted Apparel. Keeping with the Parade Theme of Honoring our Veterans, we recognize DOS Standards for Active Duty, Reserves, to be in Uniform. Other military themed units should be recognized in their attire for their them. No wearing of the American Flag as part of their apparel permitted in keeping with Flag Etiquette, as well as Ceremonial Rules for American Flag display should be followed.
- 10.** Bands playing music should perform along the entire parade route for the enjoyment of all spectators.
- 11.** Floats and Motorized Units should have a veteran connection or be of historic military significance. Parade Sponsors floats shall be coordinated with the Parade Committee for theme.
- 12.** No animals of any kind will be allowed on Parade Unit as there will be no sanitary clean up provided. PTSD/Therapy Dogs with Identification are the only exceptions.
- 13.** The National Veterans Parade Committee reserves the right to select parade entries. There will be no Political messaging of any kind including flags, apparel, or PA system announcements

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