

United States Military Veterans Parade Association
“Veterans and Community United”



Rules and Regulations

General Information:

The parade route is 1.6 miles long. Application Deadline is October 1, 2009. All applications will be reviewed by the Parade Administrator and approved by the Executive Board. All parade applications must be submitted with fees and be legible and complete. Submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance by the association. Any entry with a child or children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision. If accepted information packet will be made available to the participant. The packet will provide the participant with the parade position number and additional instructions. Entries not decorated will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

Insurance Requirements:

All floats and non-military motorized vehicles must provide proof of Liability Insurance. You must provide a copy of a current Insurance card. A valid copy must be kept with the entry on parade day and readily available for validation by Parade Officials in the forming area prior to the start of the parade. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the parade.

Tow Vehicles:

Tow vehicles must be fully decorated in coordination with the float or will not be allowed to participate in the parade. Towing apparatus must be concealed within the float design and must be securely fastened to the chassis of the float and towing vehicle. Only the number of occupants that can safely be transported in the tow vehicle will be permitted. All motorized floats and tow vehicles must provide the name and valid driver license number of the driver along with Proof of Liability Insurance valid through the date of the parade. No commercial or political displays will be permitted on tow vehicles.

Motorized and Equestrian Units:

No one is permitted to disembark from any motorized or equestrian unit; float, vehicle, carriage, etc. until they reach the designated disbanding area. All floats must stay in their assigned parade line up position until completing the entire route. At the discretion of Parade Officials, any entry unable to move or maintain its assigned position will be reassigned to the end of the parade or disqualified from the parade.

Car Club Entries

Car clubs are restricted to one entry per application and a maximum of three (3) additional vehicles. All vehicles must be patriotically decorated to participate in the parade. Additional vehicles will be charged \$5.00 each. All vehicles must be decorated to participate in the parade.

Music/Sound Systems:

All entries with live music and/or sound system must be indicated on the application and must comply with all city ordinances and parade officials who will regulate the sound volume so that it does not interfere with other parade participants. Failure to comply will result in a disqualification from the parade.

Marching Units/Bands/ROTC Units/Floats/Equestrian:

Participants may not stop to perform in front of the media cameras or during the parade route. All participants must be in a forward motion at all times to avoid delays in the parade. Failure to do so will result in removal from the parade and elimination from future parades. This rule is strictly enforced.

Advertising/Banners:

Any commercial entry with a banner or sign (on or off of vehicle) must pay the USMVPA Commercial Fee (see below) before it is allowed to participate in the parade. There will be no Political or Religious advertising by parade participants. Any banner or sign with commercial advertising must pay the USMVPA parade a fee before it is allowed to enter the parade.

Forming Area:

The forming area is secured at 10 a.m. and all vehicles and only those persons and/or vehicle entries registered to be in the parade will be allowed in the forming area. All parade participants must occupy their assigned position as soon as possible upon their arrival to the forming area. Please read your parade instructions or contact parade officials at Parade Headquarters on Avenue E should you need any assistance or may have any questions.

Spacing of Entries:

All parade entries please stay close to the entry in front of you in the forming area until you are properly spaced by parade officials at the starting point (Avenue E and Third). While on the parade route, please maintain that distance which is approximately 40 feet. All marching and performing entries must maintain a constant forward moving direction while on the parade route. At the discretion of the Parade Officials, entries unable to start or maintain their assigned position in the parade will be reassigned to the rear of the parade or disqualified from the parade.

Throwing or Distribution of Items during the Parade:

It is unlawful and strictly forbidden by City Ordinance for parade participants or their representatives to toss, throw, distribute or give away any leaflets, coins, candy, souvenirs or any other items during the parade. This is strictly enforced by the SAPD and could be cause for removal from the parade. In addition, there should be no loud noises caused by discharging of firearms, cannons, fireworks, etc. This is strictly enforced by the SAPD.

Disbanding Area:

Parade entrants must not remove any devices, costumes or uniforms until they have reached the official disbanding area. Bands, Marching Units, etc. should wait until they reach their buses that should be waiting for their arrival in the disbanding area.

Alcoholic Beverages:

Consumption of alcoholic beverages in the forming, parade route and disbanding area is prohibited. Parade Officials and the SAPD strictly enforce this.

Floats:

All floats are expected to enhance our parade theme of “Veterans and Community United”. All floats and tow vehicles must be decorated. There will be an inspection fee of \$ 20.00 payable to the City of San Antonio. The fee is collected by the San Antonio Fire Department during their inspection of all floats. All

floats must comply with all City Ordinances, which include; on board approved fire extinguisher, built with or decorated with fire retardant material, driver, occupant protection from exhaust fumes exposure, and the float must be fundamentally street safe. Only the number of people that can safely ride on the float will be permitted.

ENTRY DESCRIPTION & FEE CHARGES:

An entry is described as:

1. A motorized vehicle to include a towed vehicle (trailer).
2. A marching & band unit representing a school, military unit, armed forces, or non-profit organization. (This includes the preceding banner).
A private organization or company motorized vehicle with attending banner, if any.
4. A walking unit of personnel to include an attending banner.
5. An equestrian unit of horses and carriage, horses and riders and their following bucket brigade.
6. Other units as approved by Parade Officials.

FEES:

- \$20.00 Fee per entry + \$5.00 per additional Entry up to a maximum of three (3) entries.
- \$10.00 Fee per entry of a Non-Profit Organization +\$5.00 per additional entry up to a maximum of three (3) entries.
- Car Clubs - \$20.00 per entry fee + \$5.00 per additional Entry up to a maximum of three (3) entries.
- \$250.00 -- Commercial Entry Fee.
- Other Fees as set by Parade Officials. (See above 6).

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