

Armed Forces Day Parade 2006 Guidelines

Guidelines

1. The Armed Forces Day Parade is organized for veterans and is truly, "veterans on parade". All veterans are invited and encouraged to participate. Bands, ceremonial units. Public safety and the immediate families (parents, siblings, and children) of active duty military not in attendance or deceased veterans will be officially sponsored by the Parade Committee. Groups wanting to participate in the parade as applicants must meet the intent and guidance established within the parade guidelines. Participation in the parade is voluntary, no person or groups are paid.
2. All parade participants participate at their own risk. Written waivers are required and will be signed at the check-in desks prior to the parade on May 20, 2006.
3. The Parade begins promptly at 12:00am on May 20, 2006 at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Cathcart Street, and lasts about an hour. All official participants should register at the check-in tables, starting at 9:30am and may begin lining up at 10:00am, according to your entry number. Groups that have applied to the Parade Committee by 10 May 2006 will check-in and be in place by 11:00am. All participants should be in place, ready to go by 11: 00am. Water and refreshments will be available for participants to ensure they are properly hydrated.
4. The Parade route follows Pacific Avenue for 6 blocks to the intersection of Mission, Water and Pacific Ave, and then disperses on Front Street. Horse trailers and support vehicles will be staged on Front Street to pick up animals and equipment participating in the parade.
5. Line-up positions will be determined by the Parade Committee, in accordance with the era that each veteran represents. Group participants will be assigned a position in the Parade by the Parade Committee. The Parade Committee will attempt to accommodate requests as is possible based upon special needs and in relation to the overall flow.
6. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages by participants in the Parade is strictly prohibited. No smoking is allowed in the Parade.
7. No fireworks or open flames are allowed.
8. No water of any kind is allowed, other than to drink. The use of water pistols or water balloons is strictly prohibited.
9. All units and groups should attempt to maintain an even distance between groups that is no less than 12 feet and no more than 20 feet. Proper spacing of all units is important for the consistency of the Parade. Parade volunteers will monitor the distance and pace of the parade units, and compliance with these monitors is required.
10. Parade groups will select one person to be their Group Team Leader. This person will be the contact for your group during the Parade. Their primary job is to make sure that your group does not travel too quickly or too slowly during the parade. They also must make sure that no candy or other objects are thrown into the crowd by your group.
11. The only individual signs authorized for the Parade are those carried by family members identifying their veteran that is unable to be there the day of the parade. The signs will be no larger than 12x24 inches. Banners identifying veteran grouped by their era of service will be developed by the Parade Committee and will be carried in front of each section of veterans on parade. Banners identifying each group participating in the parade will be allowed to precede each group and must meet the approval of the Parade Committee. There will be no signs or attire advocating war, peace, political, or religious views in the parade. If a banner is deemed by the Parade Committee to not meet the non-political standard of the Parade the banner will be removed. If a participant chooses to attire him or herself in a manner that reflects a policy or political view they will be removed by the parade committee. This parade is strictly about honoring the service of veterans.
12. Mounted Color Guards and other animals participating in the parade will be taken care of with the necessary hydration and the parade committee will appoint parade volunteers to immediately clean up any feces that may develop during or prior to the parade.
13. Vehicles will be required in the parade to transport some of the veterans through the parade. All vehicles and motorcycles participating in the parade must meet California state vehicle emission, safety, and noise standards.

14. All organizations, ceremonial units, music units that meet the above guidelines must be registered with the Parade Committee no later than 10 May 2006.

Limitations On Participation In The Armed Forces Day Parade

1. The Armed Forces Day Parade is about honoring the service of veterans from all eras and wars. It is the veteran's way to remember their fallen comrades and honor their nation. Their sacrifices should not be clouded by expressions of dissent about current national policy and is neither the time nor place for political and religious agendas. Our language, behavior, and signs should not redirect the attention or intention of the parade away from honoring the service of our veterans. Other than the signs previously addressed, absolutely no written signs, slogans, chants or songs that do not honor the veteran's service will be allowed in the Parade. This especially pertains to political or campaign messages.

2. All entries must be appropriate for all ages. No profanity or nudity is allowed.

3. The Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any group or individual(s) from the Parade. Please contact the Not this time vets office (338-6198) if you feel your participation may be excluded for any reason.

4. Parade organizers retain the right to have groups or individuals removed for exhibiting bad taste and drunken behavior, and for using profanity and objectionable language.

5. Parade organizers have the right to pull from the Parade any stalled entries or groups that cannot keep up with the pace of the Parade.

6. To insure safety, items (candy, toys, etc.) must not be distributed from Parade participants to Parade spectators. If you throw objects from your vehicle or from the street, you will be asked to leave the Parade.

7. No flyers or written material may be distributed during the Parade.

8. Any animals must be approved by the Parade Committee prior to the Parade. Equine and other animal units will be provided a accompanying clean up personnel with shovels/rakes

Rain Cancellation Policy

1. Serious rain may require the cancellation of the Parade. The chairperson of the Parade Committee will decide if the Parade will go on or not.

3. If it is raining, please keep your group in the line-up/staging area, and wait for instructions.

4. No entry will be required to march or participate at the expense of uniforms or instruments.

5. Please remember that the number one rule in the case of rain is, use common sense and be careful.

Questions about the Armed Forces Day Parade, Santa Cruz 2006 Procession should be directed to Donna Jacobs, Parade Adjutant and President of NOT THIS TIME VETS. Contact numbers for NOT THIS TIME VETS are 338-6198 or 338-7695, or email: not_this_time_vets_2004@hotmail.com.

Participation in the Armed Forces Day Parade is only guaranteed by receipt of this application by NOT THIS TIME VETS. NOT THIS TIME VETS will confirm participation by 15 May 2006.

Acknowledgement of Instructions

Please print and sign below, then mail to: **NOT THIS TIME VETS/ PO Box 592, Santa Cruz, CA. 95061.**

I _____, the undersigned, have read and understand the above Armed Forces Day Parade Guidelines and Policies. I take full responsibility for the compliance of the other members of my Parade group, and I understand that violations of the above policies will result in removal from the Parade.

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Signature

Date