



CHATTANOOGA AREA VETERANS COUNCIL

PARADE GUIDELINES

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General Rules and Guidelines: the principal purpose of any CAVC parade is to display patriotic recognition and develop community spirit. The appearance, decoration and conduct of all entries MUST follow the following guidelines.

1. All parade participants must obey the Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) directions, instructions and parade committee rules at all times.
2. No erratic driving or squealing of tires will be tolerated, and will be enforced by the CPD.
3. The use of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited. The CPD will strictly enforce.
4. No fireworks are allowed.
5. No entry shall display or perform acts considered offensive or discriminatory to any race, religion, sex, national origin, age or marital status.
6. All units must be moving in a forward direction at all times unless directed otherwise by CPD or parade personnel.
7. No one is allowed to get on or off an entry while the parade is in process.
8. All drivers must produce a valid driver's license for the type of vehicle driven.
9. The CAVC, nor City of Chattanooga, assumes liability for any damage to vehicles, floats or injuries or damage due to negligence of parade entrants.
10. The Parade Coordinator or designated representatives has the final authority over positioning of entries in the parade, the acceptability of any entry in the parade and the pace of movement of the parade's progress.

Motorized Units (Floats):

1. Floats will include a prominently decorated area, with or without riders.
2. Acceptable floats may include flatbed trucks, tractor and flatbed combinations, cab and flatbed trailers as well as pickup trucks with flatbed trailers.
3. Floats should be decorated to reflect a patriotic theme in execution, construction and decoration. Patriotic music is allowed.



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4. Floats deemed unsuitable because of size, safety hazard, structural weakness or noncompliance with decoration guidelines may be subject to removal from the parade. All floats will be visually inspected prior to the start of the parade.
5. Motorized vehicles; cars, trucks and motorcycles will not rev their engines in an effort to produce extremely loud and painful noise. Children are along the parade route, and we do not want to injure their hearing. Parade officials will have the authority to deny loud vehicles a place in the parade.
6. No candy or other objects may be thrown or handed to spectators from floats or vehicles.
7. No stopping is allowed along the parade route when the parade is in progress – other than when directed by CPD or parade officials.

Marching units; ROTC, bands, etc.:

1. Organized walking or marching units shall be appropriately dressed, shall maintain good marching order, and shall have a banner or other identification.
2. Walking units must keep a steady pace and will not be allowed to stop for show or demonstrations.
3. No walking or marching unit shall perform any lewd or lascivious behavior or conduct that is considered crude and offensive, or contrary to local moral or other standards or appropriate behavior.

Equine Units:

1. The parade committee reserves the right to accept or reject any parade unit application.
2. Any riders/handlers under the age of 18 will be required to have an adult (21 or older) outrider to accompany them at all times.
3. All equine parade entries shall exhibit proper disposition and control of all animals in a parade environment.
4. Only designated parade coordinator, representatives or CPD may instruct units to alter the pace of the parade.
5. No objects may be thrown or handed out to the crowd during the parade.



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Equine Units, continued:

6. Riders must be willing to provide cleanup. If you chose to participate in the parade you must provide cleanup for your horse.
7. There is to be no consumption of alcohol before or during or after the parade. Alcohol is not permitted on the Parade route or in the staging/de-staging areas. If alcohol is found amongst your group, you will also be asked to leave the parade and will not be invited to participate in the parade in the future.

Miscellaneous:

1. K-9 units are allowed but must be in a vehicle of the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. Any participant is required to provide his/her own vehicle unless walking/marching in the parade.
3. No fires are allowed.
4. Firearms or large knives (swords) are allowed for honor guards only and will be approved by a law enforcement officer.
5. Exhaust systems will be extended beyond any and all decorations so that drivers or riders are not exposed to carbon monoxide.
6. It is suggested that all decorations be fireproof.
7. Drivers must have 180 degree clear forward vision with no decorations on the windshield or side windows.