



2023

**ARMED FORCES
DAY PARADE
FEATURING THE**

THEME:

“UNITED STATES AIR FORCE”

**AIM HIGH: FLY, FIGHT, WIN
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Armed Forces Week Celebration

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P.O. Box 24984
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37422



Fellow Patriot,

On behalf of the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council's Armed Forces Week Celebration Committee, I am honored to invite you to participate in the 2023-Armed Forces Day Parade at **10:30 AM on Friday, May 5, 2023.**

This year marks the **74rd consecutive year** for our annual tribute to America's Active Duty and Reserve military personnel.

Currently, Chattanooga is one of only a handful of cities in the nation to honor the defenders of our freedom with an Armed Forces Day Parade. Media outlets as well as selected Military Dignitaries and Celebrities have been invited to attend.

As the Parade Chairman, I am responsible for the assembly, coordination and conduct of the parade. To ensure we have a patriotic, well orchestrated, safe – as well as legal – parade, the Committee has established certain conditions that must be met to be granted permission to participate in the parade. Please carefully read and comply with these conditions as stated in the attached sheet titled, "Conditions for Participation".

Please complete and return the enclosed application by April 20th, 2023 if your organization wishes to participate this year. Prompt responses are necessary because of the limited time remaining and the limitations of the parade staging area itself. **The information provided will be used by the parade announcer**, so please ensure it is accurate and complete. A detailed parade order number and coordination instructions will be provided to you by April 26nd, 2023.

I am looking forward to your reply and to honoring the members of our Armed Forces who are presently serving our great nation. Please contact the undersigned if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Bill Norton
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CHATTANOOGA AREA VETERANS' COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2023-ARMED FORCES WEEK CELEBRATION PARADE

Friday May 5, 2023, 10:30 AM

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

The following guidelines are conditional to allowing participation in the parade:

1. Each applicant will submit duly executed application for participation in The Armed Forces Week Celebration Parade (referred to herein as the "Application").
2. Each participant agrees to abide by the regulations provided in the Application and Guidelines.
3. Each participant agrees to abide by the coordinating instructions to be provided to each participating organization.
4. Each applicant acknowledges that the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council Armed Forces Week Celebration Committee shall review each application and reserves the right of final approval for an applicant's participation in the parade.

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

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In consideration of being permitted to participate in the 2023 Chattanooga Armed Forces Week Celebration Parade, each applicant agrees to be bound by and to comply with the following conditions and rules as well as the Parade Guidelines:

1. The undersigned, as the representative for the organization, does hereby Release the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council Armed Forces Week Celebration Committee, its principals, and all representatives thereof, from all claims for damage, demands and actions whatsoever in any manner, because of participation in the Armed Forces Week Celebration Parade or any associated activities.
2. The undersigned understands the inherent risks involved in participation in The Armed Forces Week Celebration Parade (being historically slight with no known injuries in 73 years) and accepts full responsibility for the risk in participating in the parade. The organization representative will have all participants sign the enclosed waiver and maintain it on file.
3. The applicant will always fully comply with all ordinances, rules, laws, and regulations: federal, state, and local; in any way applicable to the Armed Forces Week Celebration Parade, and any associated activities. The applicant will always fully comply with all rules and regulations furnished to the undersigned at any time prior, during and after the parade.
4. The Parade's purpose is to honor those actively serving in the U.S. Military.
 - a. Participants must provide their own transportation for those desiring to ride in the parade. *However, Trailers may be available for those organizations desiring a float.*
 - b. Vehicles must be safe and designed so as not to damage public roadways (i.e., no tracked vehicles, equipment, etc., without the express prior approval of the City of Chattanooga. Participants must not distribute, peddle, solicit orders for sales, or advertise within the unit or during the parade.
 - c. The only sign allowed for each participating group will include the Unit's name and location. Commercial, political or personal agenda signs, banners or flags will be disallowed except to designate the sponsor. Signs, banners, and displays are subject to approval by the Parade Coordinator.
 - d. Any emphasis on flags will be on the flag of the United States of America. In addition, one set of "unit Colors" that helps to identify the unit may be allowed (i.e., regimental Colors, Armed Forces colors, school Colors, post Colors.)

Continued Conditions:

- e. The participant acknowledges that any activity that could cause public disorder, alarm or injury to any person or animal is prohibited, including offensive language, noise, or odors, etc. Each organization accepts collective and individual liability for any disruption or injury caused by its behavior and participation. Any applicant may be refused if the parade Coordinator feels the equipment, motif or proposed entry poses a danger to themselves or to the public safety and welfare.**

- f. The participant acknowledges that its conduct or unit equipment will not interfere with or impede other parade participants.**

- g. The committee reserves the right to restrict the number of entries to maintain an orderly and timely event**

Failure to comply with these Conditions for Participation will result in your organization being denied future invitations.