

May 13, 2016

Dear Parade Participant:

Dearborn's 2016 Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30 is nearly here and the following information is provided so that your parade experience is positive and enjoyable.

Please read this entire document and the enclosures. You are responsible for conveying this information to all members of your group. The parade begins at 10 a.m. right after the 9:40 a.m. ceremonial military funeral procession makes its way down Michigan Avenue.



New:

There are many new aspects to the parade that we'll all be learning together. Staging, parking, dispersement and the direction of the parade have changed for 2016. Some groups' divisions may have changed.

ARRIVE EARLY.

The parade still takes place on Michigan Avenue. However, it starts at Michigan and Maple and heads west to end at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue 48126.

This is also where the review stand will be situated and where the noon solemn ceremony will be held.

★★IMPORTANT★★

Please pass on the following information to all your group members participating in the parade. If your group is late you risk losing your assigned position. That means all members must be on time. Your group could be staged instead at the end of the parade.

THE PARADE

The lead units of the parade will step off at 10 a.m. The line of marchers will proceed west on Michigan Avenue from Maple, pass the review stand in front of Henry Ford Centennial Library and turn left on the first drive west of the library, which is Continental Drive. Participants will disband behind the library.

STAGING/LINEUP

Staging will take place in east Dearborn near Michigan and Schaefer. (see map) Note that Schaefer from Ford Road to Michigan is under construction.

- **Escort Division** - all vehicles and people assemble on Michigan Avenue between Maple and Schaefer.
- **School bands** - assemble in the Nagy parking lot, behind City Hall Artspace Lofts and Alcamo's. To reach the lot, drive from Rotunda north on Schaefer to John Nagy Drive. Turn left. Police will line up bands in order at appointed times on Maple St.
- **Divisions 1 – 4** - assemble at the Neckel/Dearborn Fresh parking lot. To reach the lot, from Ford Road, drive south on Schaefer to Colson. If you have a car in the parade, you can enter the lot. There is no participant parking in the Neckel/Dearborn Fresh parking lot.
 - Divisions 1 and 2: Be in your designated assembly areas before 9:15 a.m.
 - Divisions 3 and 4: Be in your designated assembly areas before 9:45 a.m.

Vehicles in the parade should go directly to the staging location in east Dearborn.

Vehicles not in the parade but belonging to parade participants:

The preferred option is to park at the end of the parade route (**Henry Ford Centennial Library or Ford Community & Performing Arts Center**) so that your vehicle will be available to you when you complete the parade.

Use the parking lot behind Henry Ford Centennial Library, and the parking lot between the Police Station and the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center.

You must enter off of Greenfield Road to access these lots. Enter via Reckinger Road, south of Michigan Avenue.

Handicapped parking will be available at the Henry Ford Centennial Library parking lot.

If you are a parade participant and you prefer to park at the beginning of the parade near Michigan and Schaefer, please park at the Calhoun/50-50 parking lot north of Michigan and east of Schaefer. You will need to approach the lot heading south on Schaefer from Ford Road. Turn left/east at Colson Street. Note that Schaefer is under construction.

If you are not using the shuttle and instead someone is dropping you off at the beginning of the parade, have them take you to this same Calhoun/50-50 parking lot. Police officers will guide you from there.

SHUTTLES will run 8:45 A.M. – 10 A.M.

Shuttle vehicles will pick up parade participants from two locations (see map):

- Henry Ford Centennial Parking Lot (eastern edge of lot)
- Ford Community and Performing Arts Center – west side at the Michael A Guido Theater circle entrance at the west side of the building.

Shuttle vehicles will drop off participants at the north east corner of the Dearborn Fresh/Neckel parking lot staging area.

Please note that there is no parking allowed on Michigan Avenue from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Memorial Day and no shuttles will be available after the parade to return participants back to Michigan and Schaefer.

NEW! After the parade, there will be a shuttle to transport people from the library parking lot to the parking lot at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center.

ARRIVE EARLY. Michigan Avenue will be closed. Participants who chose to use the shuttle and park at the end of the parade route should turn west on Reckinger from Greenfield Road. Continue curving on the road past the ball diamond and behind the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center and, if desired, to the Henry Ford Centennial Library Parking lot.

ASSISTANCE AT THE STAGING AREA

Police officers will direct all participants to their final staging area at the appropriate time.

VEHICLES IN THE PARADE

First, read the lineup. Determine what division you are in.

If your vehicle has been approved to be in the parade, print out the participant vehicle placard.



Please write your group name and division number on the placard.

Then place the placard face up on the on the dash of your vehicle. Questions or problems, please call (313) 943-2285.

TRAFFIC FLOW

Michigan Avenue will be closed to traffic from Schaefer to just west of the Dearborn Administrative Center, 16901 Michigan Avenue.

Schaefer will be open for traffic. **USE CAUTION WHEN DRIVING AS PEDESTRIANS WILL BE IN THE ROAD. NOTE THAT SCHAEFER IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.**

Anticipate barriers. Police officers will provide direction.

WATER IS NOT PROVIDED

You are responsible for providing your group with water before, during and after the parade. The City provides water only to student band members.

RESTROOMS

Porta-potties will be available at each staging location.

Porta-potties will be also available on the grounds of Henry Ford Centennial Library and at the shuttle stop at the Michael A. Guido Theater.

ENFORCEMENT OF PARADE RULES AND ASSISTANCE DURING THE PARADE

Event Staff members in golf carts will be assigned to each division. They have the authority to enforce the parade rules to keep the parade moving forward and also will be available to provide assistance.

In an emergency, call 9-1-1.

FLAG ETIQUETTE RULES

Posted on our website www.cityofdearborn.org is information on how to honor and display the American Flag. At the request of our veterans, please review this document. Flags cannot be draped over vehicles. Remember no flags of any other country are allowed. **Only American flags are allowed.**

REVISIONS TO PARADE LINEUP WILL BE POSTED ON: www.cityofdearborn.org

Please check www.cityofdearborn.org for updated parade lineup information. Changes may occur. It is expected no changes will occur after 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 29.

MESSAGE FROM DAWVC COMMANDER

The Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council is proud to partner with the City of Dearborn in order to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives while in service to our country. This year, the parade and ceremony also honor and remember the twenty-two veterans who are estimated take their own lives each day.

Our Grand Marshal, Stephen Cochran, fought this battle. The acclaimed country music singer/songwriter is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. During a combat patrol in Kandahar, he was severely wounded. Though he was told he'd never walk again, his physical body, through treatment, became whole. The effects of post-traumatic stress lingered.

Cochran sings truthfully about service and sacrifice, its effect on veterans and their families, and, finding a way home through healing.

Saturday free concert

As a special tribute for veterans and the community, Cochran and fellow singer/songwriters Sam Tate and Tyler Jay Satterfield will perform a free benefit concert in the Hubbard Ballroom, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 28, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Donations will go to the Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program.

Thank you for joining me, our grand marshal, the nine school bands, thousands of community members and veterans from across our state on this day of tribute to the men and women and their families who gave so much so we could we free.

On behalf of the parade committee and the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council, we look forward to seeing you on May 30.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Green!". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a prominent exclamation point at the end.

Sean Green
D.A.W.V. COMMANDER



RULES

All parade participants must be at their designated division starting point at the designated time. Groups that arrive late will lose their spot and march at the end of the parade.

1. **ONLY AMERICAN FLAGS** - NO OTHER NATIONAL FLAGS BUT THE AMERICAN FLAG WILL BE ALLOWED. VETERANS GROUPS ARE PERMITTED TO CARRY POST COLORS AND MIA FLAGS. Guidelines for displaying the American flag will be provided. You must follow those guidelines while marching in the parade.
Questions about this policy can be directed to: Sean Green (248-210-8791)
DAWVC Commander
Email: mseangreen@gmail.com
2. **All Memorial Day Parade participants must have a patriotic theme to their unit or float.**
3. Elected officials marching in the parade must be current officeholders. You cannot pass out campaign material while marching in the parade or wear campaign attire while in the parade or on the grandstand. Use of vehicles in the parade requires prior approval. No campaign slogans are allowed on vehicles.
4. The Memorial Day Parade is not meant to be an advertisement for your group. Your group is participating to show honor to the fallen and support for our military. Signs carried or on floats must be specifically related to Memorial Day. *Example: "Daisy's Dance Co. honors our fallen" not "Come dance with Daisy's Dance Co."*
5. Keep the pace even. Maintain about 30 feet between each unit in the parade. (2-3 car lengths) It is absolutely essential that you pay attention. There should be no gaps between groups. The parade will be monitored by police and parade marshals. If your group lags behind and causes gaps your group may not be invited back.
6. Groups are not allowed to throw candy or other items into the crowd. Groups marching or driving in the parade are not allowed to hold up the parade by passing out items to the crowd. Groups approved to be in the parade may only pass out items at the curb with permission from the committee, but never in a manner that will hold up the parade. To secure permission and receive further instructions, please call 943-2285.
7. All groups are prohibited from stationary drills along the parade route. Do not stop in front of the Reviewing Stand and do not give a performance. Solo performances are not permitted.
8. MOVEMENT MUST ALWAYS BE FORWARD.
9. NO AMPLIFICATION OF MUSIC IS ALLOWED. Also, groups emitting excessive loud music or sound from their parade unit will not be permitted to proceed. *If your group does not abide by this rule, your group will be escorted off the parade route.*

THE FINAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY REGARDING PARADE ISSUES IS THE PARADE COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE DEARBORN ALLIED WAR VETERANS COUNCIL, THE DEARBORN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE PARADE AND PROHIBITION FROM PARTICIPATING IN FUTURE PARADES.

Thank you for supporting our veterans and for spending the holiday honoring those who died in service to our country.

Notice Regarding Display Of The American Flag

In order to keep the focus of the Parade on the meaning of Memorial Day, every group is **required** to show its **patriotism** for the **United States of America** in some very visible manner.

One way to do that is to display the American flag in an appropriate and respectful presentation.

Guidelines for proper display of the American flag in the Memorial Day Parade

1. When displayed on a float or vehicle, the flag can only be displayed on a staff. It must not be draped on or over the float or vehicle.
2. The flag must never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground or a vehicle.

REMINDER: Per the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council, only American flags may be carried in the 2016 parade. No flags from any other country will be allowed.

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For more information on how to honor and display the American Flag
<http://www.dav.org/membership/FlagProcedures.aspx>

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 2016



GROUP PERMIT



DIVISION

