

Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council and City of Dearborn 93rd Annual Memorial Day Parade • Monday, May 29, 2017

It is the responsibility of every group leader to provide all of their participating members with parade information, especially the lineup times and locations.

ALL GROUPS MUST ARRIVE ON TIME.

Organizations that arrive late will lose their spot and will march at the end of the parade.

Please direct your members to the City website for Memorial Day information.

www.cityofdearborn.org



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

The parade will begin at Maple and Michigan and travel west on Michigan Avenue to end at Henry Ford Centennial Library and the new Veterans Park and War Memorial.

The review stand and parade announcer will be in front of the library. Your group will be announced as you pass the review stand near the end of the parade.

The noon remembrance ceremony will take place at the Veterans Park and War Memorial.

The staging area for parade participants will be the parking lots around Michigan Avenue and Schaefer Road. Additional details about staging and parking will be provided closer to the parade.

Mandatory lineup times:
Escort Division and Divisions 1 and 2: before 9:15 a.m.
Divisions 3 and 4: before 9:45 a.m.

Military funeral procession: 9:40 a.m.
Parade starts: 10 a.m.
Remembrance Ceremony: Approximately noon

Application deadline is Friday, April 21, 2017. You must submit an application and Hold Harmless Agreement by this date. *Note, for 2017 only, we are waiving the request for monetary donations from parade participants. It is our way to say thank you to all the groups who have donated their time and effort to help support the parade over the years.*

Sponsorships and additional donations are always welcome. Business sponsorships start at \$500. For sponsorship information, call 313-943-2285.

Final information will be available for all parade participants online starting Friday, May 12. This includes the staging map, lineup, updated rules and vehicle passes.

You will be able to print out the number of vehicle passes you requested on your application from the city website. In order to do this we must have an accurate count of your vehicles. If you do not have computer availability, we can print out the pass and mail it to you. **No additional vehicles will be permitted after the April 21 deadline.**

Parade Order and Lineup

Once your application and hold harmless agreement are received and approved by the Parade Committee, your entry will be listed online in the parade lineup. Click on the Memorial Day icon at www.cityofdearborn.org to get to the parade main page. Check back often for updates.

The Parade Committee makes every effort to accommodate requests for special parade positions. However, the Committee reserves the right to determine the order. The Committee's decision is final. Please do not attempt to appeal the decision.

To learn more:

Click on the Memorial Day icon at www.cityofdearborn.org for the latest information. For additional details, please call 313-943-2285.

Dearborn's Memorial Day Parade Committee can be contacted at:
Dearborn Memorial Day Parade
Department of Public Information
16901 Michigan Ave., Suite 16
Dearborn, MI 48126



PARADE RULES



All parade participants must be at their designated division staging area 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 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: Stephen Fletcher
DAWVC Commander
Email: sfletcher@metrocars.com

2. **All Memorial Day Parade participants must have a patriotic theme to their unit or float.** The Memorial Day Parade is not meant to be an advertisement for your group. Your group is participating to honor our fallen soldiers and support veterans and 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."*
3. Elected officials marching in the parade must be current officeholders and participate by invitation only. No elected official or their campaign workers are allowed to wear campaign attire while in the parade or on the grandstand or distribute campaign material while walking or standing on Michigan Avenue. Use of vehicles in the parade requires prior approval. No campaign slogans are allowed on vehicles.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. All groups are prohibited from stationary drills along the parade route. You must not stop in front of the Reviewing Stand.
7. MOVEMENT MUST ALWAYS BE FORWARD.
8. 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.