

2017 DEARBORN MEMORIAL DAY 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.