

## **2023 OFFICIAL FLOAT ENTRY CONTEST RULES**

1. The following rules govern entries requesting to participate in the **30th Annual Dacula Memorial Day Parade** float contest and are in addition to the Official Parade Rules.

2. Float contest categories are as follows:

### **Best Parade Theme Float    \*\* Trophy and \$100.00 Prize \*\***

Entries will be judged on:

- The incorporation of parade theme: **RESTING AS HEROES**
- Honor of a Fallen Hero on the float
- Creativity and originality
- Cleanliness and neatness of the area surrounding the entry in the staging area.

### **Most Patriotic Float    \*\* Trophy and \$100.00 Prize \*\***

Entries will be judged on:

- Honor of a Fallen Hero on the float
- Display of Patriotism
- Creativity and originality
- Cleanliness and neatness of the area surrounding the entry in the staging area.

### **Announcement of Winners and Awards**

Monetary awards and trophies for Float contest winners will be awarded prior to parade start in the staging area between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Monetary awards may not compensate for the cost of the float, but it acts as an incentive to the creative minds of our community.

3. The float contest line-up process and staging will begin at 7:30 a.m., Monday, May 29, 2023, in the Hebron Baptist Church parking lot, located at 202 Hebron Church Road in Dacula. **All float entries competing in the Memorial Day Parade float contest must be in position and ready for judging by 8:15 a.m.**
4. **Float judging begins promptly at 8:15 a.m.** in the staging area and finish prior to the parade start. The float must be presented for judging as it will appear in the parade. There must be someone with the float entry at all times. If no one is with the float entry at the time of judging, it will be disqualified and not judged. All participants on the float do not need to be present for judging unless they are vital to the theme of the float. The decision of the judges is final!
5. Pulling units must be decorated and should be made as much a part of the float as possible. Undecorated pulling units will cause points to be deducted during judging.
6. Floats must be decorated for a family atmosphere and constructed in a safe manner as well as not present a health or safety hazard to the entry participants or the general public.
7. Participants are NOT permitted to jump on and/or off the float entry during the parade, and floats should stay 25 feet behind the entry in front of them.

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8. The completion of the float and the area surrounding the float must be cleaned up and neat by 8:15 a.m. parade day as well as, at the end of the parade, participants are responsible for disposal of any and all float materials.
9. Each float entry must display the entries name or result in point deduction.
10. The float requirements are as follows: A float, for purposes of this contest is:
  - A. Displays built on or around a trailer being towed manually or by motor vehicle
  - B. Displays that are self-motorized or that are towed by a motor vehicle
  - C. The display dimensions must not exceed fifteen (15) feet in width by fifteen (15) feet in height by thirty (30) feet in length at its greatest points. **NO SEMI TRUCK TYPE VEHICLES AND/OR TRAILERS ARE ALLOWED.**
11. All floats must have hand holds for all people who are standing on the float and secure/safe seating is required for all others riding upon the float.
12. Failure to comply with the parade rules will result in entry member or entire entry removal from the parade.