

# **2024 DACULA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE FOR EVERYONE'S BENEFIT AND SAFETY!**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

- Your organization, group, business, company or individual, assume all responsibility for your entry in the Dacula Memorial Day Parade. You will not hold parade organizers, volunteers, the City of Dacula or any sponsors liable or responsible for any injuries, accidents, damages, losses, or mishaps that may occur as a result of or during our participation in this parade. The Parade Chairman reserves the right to limit the participation of any type of entry to ensure the diversity and quality of the Dacula Memorial Day parade.
- **A COMPLETED PARADE ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED / POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 OR when 90 entries have been received, whichever comes first! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **FAILURE TO FOLLOW PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS** may result in your entry not being permitted to participate in the parade and your group will not be invited to take part in future years.
- **An email with your line-up number** and any other pertinent information related to the parade will be sent to the email address listed on the parade entry form that we received. You will receive the email **by midnight, Saturday, May 25, 2024.**
- All parade entrants line up in the staging area located at Hebron Baptist Church, 202 Hebron Church Road, Dacula, Georgia
- **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE CHECKED IN BY 9:00 a.m.** Staging and line-up will be available beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- **PARADE ROUTE** - The parade will stage at Hebron Baptist Church. Participants will be lined up in order of march onto Hebron Church Road. The parade will officially start in front of Dacula High School on Hebron Church Road, continue on Second Ave., turn left on Wilson Street, turn left on Dacula Road and continue back to Hebron Baptist Church. Parade route is approx. 2 miles long.
- **ALL PARADE ENTRIES ARE REQUIRED TO RECOGNIZE A FALLEN HERO OR DECEASED OR LIVING VETERAN WITH SOME TYPE OF SIGNAGE ON THE ENTRY.** A Fallen Hero is one that died in the line of duty. Knowing that everyone doesn't have a Fallen Hero in their family or have a friend or neighbor that does, a deceased or living Veteran is to be remembered and honored on your entry. You can display on your entry however you like, on both sides of the entry...on poster board or on a banner just as long as it is readable from the sidewalks. I want people to remember what Memorial Day is all about and remember why they are in the parade. Not just to be there for self-exposure. Reading the names of our Fallen Heroes helps to keep their legacy alive.
- **ALL PARADE ENTRIES MUST OBSERVE** the Memorial Day parade's theme: **They Answered the Call, They Paid the Price..**
- **Improper display of the American Flag WILL NOT** be tolerated or permitted. Your entry **WILL BE REMOVED** from the parade.
- **Your assigned line-up number MUST BE** displayed at the front of your entry on the passenger side where it can be viewed at the announcement stand. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE WITHOUT AN ASSIGNED LINE-UP NUMBER - NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **NO POLITICAL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED OR ALLOWED IN THE PARADE. THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL PARADE!**
- **NO SEMI TRUCK TYPE VEHICLES AND/OR TRAILERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE.**
- **NO DISTRIBUTION OF advertising, promotional, political campaign literature, flyers, coupons, brochures, pamphlets, etc.**
- **Candy is not to be TOSSED or THROWN from parade entries. The candy MUST be distributed to parade spectators by walkers alongside your parade entry and tossed in the direction of people's feet.** This is for the safety of everyone but especially for the safety of our children to keep them from running into the parade stream of vehicles to get that coveted piece of candy.
- **ALL ENTRANTS WITH ANIMALS OF ANY KIND** are responsible for their animals' safety and well-being. We strongly suggest that animal owners have water available, protection from the sun and protection from the heat of the pavement. Please be responsible and clean up any "deposits" made by your animals in the staging area and along the parade route.
- **AT THE END OF THE PARADE ROUTE, FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE CLEAR THE AREA AS SAFELY AS POSSIBLE.**
- **All units and participants must maintain a continuous forward motion during the parade.**
- **All parade units should keep approximately 25 feet between units to avoid large gaps in the parade.**
- Please do not leave any of your group's "trash" in the parade staging area at Hebron Baptist Church.
- No "for sale" signs are to be displayed on parade entrants' vehicle or trailer.

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- Burn-outs, tire squealing or unsafe driving of any vehicle is strictly prohibited.
- No alcoholic beverages in staging area or on any entry participating in the parade.
- Please remember that if it is hot, take necessary precautions for your group's safety and comfort.
- We reserve the right to revise the placement of any entry during line-up on parade day.
- All entries must be in good taste and suitable for a family entertainment event.
- All parade participants must conform to entry and exit traffic patterns on parade day.
- If your entry breaks down during the parade, please move to the side of the road as soon as possible.
- All Bike riders (Pedal or Motorized) must adhere to state and local laws by wearing a helmet.
- The Parade Chairman, Parade Marshals and Parade Monitors reserve the right to reject any entry deemed inappropriate or not representative of this community celebration. This includes any and all organized groups that appear to be participating for the purpose of protesting for or against a cause.
- The Parade Chairman, Parade Marshals and Parade Monitors will be in charge and reserve the right to dismiss any entrant that does not abide by these parade rules or the decisions of the Parade Chairman, Parade Marshals or Parade Monitors.
- The parade officials' decision regarding all entrants, their eligibility and placement in the line-up is final.