

Dear 2024 Veterans Day Parade Participants,

I would like to express my gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and patience throughout the preparations for the Veterans Day Parade scheduled for Monday, November 11. Your dedication and cooperation have been instrumental in ensuring the success of this event.

Attached to this email, you will find the lineup of parade participants, a detailed map of the bus ingress and egress routes, and a diagram of the parking areas. Please note that while the lineup numbers may undergo adjustments, the locations of the units in the parade lineup will remain consistent.

Parade Start

The parade is set to commence at 9:00 AM. All parade participants should arrive at their designated staging points **not later than 8:30 AM**. Should there be any delays in your unit's arrival at the staging area, please be assured that the Parade Marshals will make every effort to include your unit in the parade, to the maximum extent possible. Parade Marshals will be available to assist with the staging of participants on Atlantic Avenue on the day of the parade.

VIP and Dignitary Cars

For those car clubs providing vehicles for VIP's and dignitaries, please ensure your vehicles are parked in Lot #1 SOUTH (S1). This is a specific requirement to facilitate the smooth transition of the VIP's to the parade starting point. Only those vehicles supporting VIP's and dignitaries should park in Lot #1 SOUTH. Other car club vehicles should go to the parade staging area listed in the lineup.

VIP's and Dignitaries

All VIP's and dignitaries riding in vehicles provided by the HRCVO are required to be at the Virginia Beach Convention Center **not later than 8:30 AM**. Upon arrival, you will be assigned a vehicle and will be lined up in Lot #1 SOUTH. The Virginia Beach Police Department Motorcycle Unit will escort you to the final staging area on Atlantic Avenue at 8:45 AM. You should park in Lot #1 NORTH.

Vehicles, Floats, and Trailers

Vehicles, floats, and trailers must be capable of navigating the parade route. All floats and trailers will undergo an inspection by the Fire Marshal prior to the start of the parade. **No hazardous or flammable materials are allowed on any float.**

Parade Route

The parade route begins at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront on Atlantic Avenue and 16th Street. It proceeds north to a left turn onto 17th Street, then west to a right turn onto Mediterranean Avenue, and then north again to a left turn onto 19th Street. The route proceeds west on 19th Street past the Tidewater Veterans Memorial and the Virginia Beach Convention Center before ending at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Note: The parade does not conclude at the Reviewing Stand. Units will march past the Tidewater Veterans Memorial and continue west to the DoubleTree Hotel where they will disband. Participants in vehicles departing the parade area will exit the Convention Center vicinity via 19th

Street to Birdneck Road. Doing so prevents congestion as units disband at the end of the parade route.

Dignitary vehicles in the parade should make a right turn immediately past the Reviewing Stand and then proceed to Lot #1 NORTH where they will be directed to a debarkation area. This area is designated for the safe relocation of the passengers to their designated seating areas.

Bus Route

Parade units arriving on buses should ingress to the staging area on Atlantic Avenue to drop off participants using the route shown on the map provided. **Note: 5th, 9th, and 16th Streets must remain clear at all times.** Buses should egress the staging area via Norfolk Avenue to the parking lot in the southwest corner of the Virginia Beach Sports Center at the intersection of 17th Street and Birdneck Road. **Note: this is a new bus parking area.** Buses will **NOT** use the horseshoe parking area in Lot #1 NORTH at the Convention Center as they have in previous years.

Access to the parade area will be limited, with the Virginia Beach Police Department initiating the process of closing off Atlantic Avenue and 19th Street to the public at 7:15 AM. General parking at the Convention Center will remain available, except for the lots reserved for special use.

Restrooms

The Convention Center will open at 7 AM for access to the restrooms. Three (3) portable toilets will be dispersed along Atlantic Avenue between 16th and 9th Street for parade participants. **Note:** The bathrooms located at the Dairy Queen on Atlantic Avenue will **NOT** be open.

Safety Rules

For the safety of all attendees, it is imperative that no items, including candy, be thrown into the crowds from participants riding on floats or in vehicles at any time.

Noise that may disturb the peace, such as the revving of engines or the screeching of tires, or playing excessively loud music is prohibited.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the exclusion of your unit from future participation in the parade.

Weather and Parade Cancellation

The extended weather forecast is for a sunny day on November 11 but it could change before then. The City of Virginia Beach will monitor the forecast with the Weather Center in the days prior to the parade to verify no extreme weather conditions. Should the weather deteriorate and necessitate its cancellation, the HRCVO will send an email to parade participants by 6 AM. Local media will be contacted in an attempt to relay the cancellation to the public. There is no back-up date for the parade if its cancelled.

TV Livestream

We are pleased to announce that the 2024 Veterans Day Parade will be live-streamed on WTKR.com, ensuring a wider audience can enjoy the event.

Contact Information

Should you have any inquiries or concerns before the parade, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email secretary@hrcvo.org or president@harcvo.org with any questions. Please monitor your email for any updates.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your dedication to honoring our Veterans. Thank you once again for your continued support and cooperation. Your efforts are appreciated. I am confident that together we will host a memorable 2024 Veterans Day Parade.

Warm regards,

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