**21stAnnual Memorial Day Parade**

**Gainesville – Northeast Georgia**

***Sponsored by the Paul E. Bolding American Legion Post 7* Date: Monday, May 26th, 2025**

**Parade Participant Guidelines**

1. **Lots open at 7:00 – GET THERE EARLY**

2. **Be in place no later than 8:15 am - Streets will be blocked at 8:30 am**

3. **We are requiring all entries to either include *or* honor a Veteran**. This will be done with signs or posters recognizing the Veteran and same information on application.

4. **Walkers in the parade: (Including band members and all groups, including children):** If you are walking in the parade you must park your vehicle elsewhere and walk in. Parents - you may not drive your personal vehicle in the staging areas to drop children off that are walking with a group. You need to turn onto Holly Drive to drop someone off. ***No Dropping off Walkers in staging areas****!!!*

**Vehicles actually in the parade** will be parked at the **First Baptist Church** or at the **Civic Center** – an email will be sent to you that will include your assigned parking lot, with numbers and directions.

5. **Band Members:** Park in the parking deck at the corner of Spring St and EE Butler. (This is at the end of the parade route so you will finish where you parked.)

6. **For Safety – do not throw candy from vehicles** – have walkers pass the candy out. This is per City of Gainesville Ordinance.

7. **Keep your staging area clean**, do not leave trash!

8. **Allow 5-10 yards** between vehicles or participants

9. **Performers –** take no longer than 30 seconds each performance – no more than 3 performances 10. **Stay in your assigned sequence**

11**. Car Clubs** – we require a list of names and model of vehicle members will be driving.

13. **Entries are asked to be courteous** to the volunteers that work to make the parade happen. **Above all – remember the Veterans we are honoring!**