

2023 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

PARADE REGISTRATION, CHECK-IN, LINE-UP AND START

- No entrants will be admitted to participate without prior completed registration form.
- Parade will start promptly at 10:00 AM, On Monday, May 29, 2023
- Check-in for registered parade entries will begin at 8:45 AM on the corner of Winsor and Worcester Street. Please note the check-in time and location. You will receive your parade number, line up directions and any additional instructions at check-in. Parade line up will be on Winsor Street.
- Winsor Street starting at Warren Street will be closed to all traffic. Parade drop off and or participating vehicles are encouraged to approach from Winsor and Newbury (Near Lady of Fatima Church).
- After check-in, you must be lined up on Winsor Street no later than 9:15 AM. It is important that you line- up where instructed
- Parade begins, don't get out of line unless you have mechanical problems. Follow the float/marchers in front of you. At all times, keep a safe distance between your float and the vehicle/participants in front of you.
- Parade units with several members are encouraged to carpool as much as possible. This will create less traffic in the vicinity of the parade staging area and speed up the entrant check-in process.
- All participants must be patriotic and family oriented. The Memorial Day Parade Committee reserves the right to reject the registration and/ or check-in of any participant with a theme that the Committee deems unsuitable for a family event.

FLOAT SAFETY

- The size of your float should be within the legal road limit and no wider than the width of one travel lane of the street. The float should be part of or attached to a vehicle that can pull the float the full length of the parade route. If the vehicle is decorated, be sure the windshield and side windows are completely unobstructed.
- The driver must have a clear, unobstructed vision at all times. If the vehicle that is pulling or is attached to the float begins to experience mechanical problems, please pull over to the nearest parking lot so that the rest of the parade may continue.
- Floats with children on them must have RESPONSIBLE ADULTS nearby to supervise the children for safety reasons. It is strongly recommended that designated adults walk alongside the float while the parade is in progress.
- Walkers alongside of the floats are permitted to hand out candy to the parade watchers.
- No water guns of any kind and no silly string allowed. Violation of these rules may result your organization's float not being allowed to participate the following year.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Veterans' Services Director, Eric Segundo 413-583-5600 x1290 or email <u>esegundo@ludlow.ma.us</u>