

Veterans/Service/Civic Organizations – Join Us!



Veterans' Day November 11, 2005

The Department of Defense, the City of New York and the United War Veterans Council of NYC invite veterans, service, and civic groups – as well as other organizations who wish to honor the service of veterans -- to join us for the 2005 **Nation's Parade**, commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

This special day will honor the WWII generation, recognize all veterans and currently serving military, and promote the importance of service to our nation.

It will be the culminating event of the Department of Defense's official commemorative activities that are taking place across the country.

To participate in this year's activities, contact our office at 212-693-0157, or visit our website for an application:

www.nationsparade.org.

Eternal Light Monument Ceremony

Madison Square Park
(23rd St & Madison Ave)

This pre-parade ceremony includes:

- speeches by dignitaries and veterans
- laying of memorial wreaths
- ceremonial rifle salute

Seating preference to disabled vets, WWII vets and leaders of official contingents

Nation's Parade

Up 5th Avenue, 26th Street to 56th Street

Continuing a national tradition, this year's parade will be the cornerstone of our special commemorative activities:

- Parade through the heart of Manhattan
- 750,000+ spectators
- 25,000+ participants from across America
- National *Procession of States*
- International *Procession of Nations*
- Veterans of all eras
- Active duty military, civic leaders and organizations
- Commemorative floats, marching bands, vintage vehicles, and more!

Veterans Day Fair

Post-parade, at the world-renowned Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum:

- Free admission
- Live music and entertainment
- Booths and kiosks of organizations for veterans and other services.



Questions and Answers – for Groups

What is the Nation's Parade?

The Nation's Parade is the final event of the Department of Defense's official WWII 60th anniversary commemoration. The event will take place in New York City on Friday, November 11 (Veterans Day). The event organizers invite veterans, service and civic groups -- as well as other organizations wishing to honor veterans -- to join us for this special event!

What activities are taking place?

Groups are invited to participate in the following activities:

- The Nation's Parade through the heart of Manhattan
- Eternal Light Monument Ceremony and Wreath Laying
*Representatives from each approved group may lay a wreath,
Seating preference at the ceremony for disabled vets, WWII vets and heads of contingents*
- Post-Parade Veterans Day Fair (at the *Intrepid* Sea, Air & Space Museum)

Attendees can also participate in other traditional Veterans Day activities (street fairs, tours, concerts, etc), meet other groups from around the NYC area, across the U.S. and around the world, or explore NYC's other offerings.

What about spouses, family, and other guests?

Other guests are invited to view the Parade, visit the Veterans Day Fair, and to explore NYC's other cultural and historical offerings.

How much does it cost?

There is no fee for veterans groups and most civic groups to participate in the parade. Corporations or groups wishing to sponsor a float should contact us for more information or to make arrangements.

Where will my group be in the parade?

You will be placed in the appropriate Line of March (Veteran, Service/Civic, Military etc.) based on the information you provide in your Group Application Form (see below). We will get back to you with the exact location and meeting place.

How do I arrange for travel and lodging?

We would be happy to refer out-of-town groups of over 20 members to one of our travel partners. Also, for veterans groups, we recommend that your members sign up for a Veterans Advantage membership, to take advantage of the special rates they provide for veterans on air, rail and bus travel, car rentals, and hotels (as well as a wide range of other benefits). To learn more, go to www.veteransadvantage.com.

How do I sign my group up?

Simply fill out the attached **Group Application Form** (also available at www.nationsparade.org), or call our office at 212-693-0157.

***Individual vets please review the Q & A for WWII or non-WWII vets
or contact us at 212-693-0157 for more info***



Veteran's Day - New York City - Friday, November 11th, 2005

Group Application Form

Eternal Light Monument Ceremony (23rd-25th Streets and 5th Avenue)
10:00 AM until 11:00 AM

The Nation's Parade (Up 5th Avenue 26th & 56th St.)
11:00 AM until 3:00 PM

Veterans Day Fair - Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum (Pier 86, 46th Street and 12th Avenue NYC)
12 Noon until 6:00 PM

Send completed application to:

UNITED WAR VETERANS' COUNCIL,
346 BROADWAY, SUITE 807,
New York, NY 10013.

Phone: (212) 693-1476
Fax: (212) 693-1475

Group /Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Describe group (also indicate whether Veterans Group, Color Guard, Vehicles, Active duty, civic/corporate)

Number of participants _____ Non-walking (require transport during the parade)? _____

Will you organization be laying a wreath at the Eternal Light Monument Ceremony? Yes _____ No _____

Does your organization wish to sponsor a float? (contact us for more info) _____

Will you organization be attending the post-parade Veterans Day Fair at the *Intrepid*? Yes _____ No _____

Is there anything we should know to better serve you?

Please review the following and sign below:

I, the undersigned, do hereby affirm that I am an authorized representative of the above organization with regards to its participation in the 2005 Nations Parade (NYC Veterans Day Parade). I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee my group's participation in the parade, and that the parade organizers will determine our participation upon review of this application. I also affirm that I and my group understand that the purpose of the 2005 Nations Parade is to recognize service, not to endorse or support any political agenda, and that any individual or group that attempts to use the Parade as a forum for this purpose will be denied participation, and will forfeit any expenses incurred.

Your Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your application!
We will be in touch with your designated contact person to confirm further details.