



PARADE RULES

MERCED COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE

Monday, November 11, 2019



Check-in at the Registration Table begins at 12:15 p.m. The Opening Ceremony at Bob Hart Square starts at 1:00 p.m. and the parade will commence at 2:00 p.m. The parade will return to its normal route this year and will head west on Main Street from G Street, turn north on O Street, and end just north of West 20th Street.

- 1) This is a **Veterans Day** parade, with a proud history reaching back to 1960. The parade's primary purpose is to honor the military veterans of Merced County and their families.
 - a) All entries should be decorated to pay tribute to our veterans or Veterans Day, or have a patriotic theme. Participants must conduct themselves in an orderly and respectful manner.
 - b) Political organizations and other groups we perceive as controversial will not be allowed to participate.
 - c) Participants will not promote or degrade political affiliations, candidates, or issues, nor will they display or distribute political slogans or materials during the parade.
 - d) The parade planners will have final approval of all entry applications.**
- 2) Entries must check in at the Registration Table on the corner of Calimyrna and East Main Street, where they will receive further instructions for line-up.
- 3) A person over 18 years old must accompany junior entrants under six years old.
- 4) All entries with live animals must have their own attendants available for immediate waste clean-up as needed.
- 5) Sound-amplifying equipment will maintain volume so as not to interfere with others, and must play parade-type music. All vehicles should minimize engine revving.
- 6) Nothing shall be thrown or discarded from any float, vehicle, by persons riding or walking, or by any other unit. Walkers may hand small items, such as candy or flags, directly to parade spectators.
- 7) The parade must maintain its forward progress; any performed routines that stop the parade should be limited in frequency and duration.
- 8) Please notify one of the parade planners (listed at the bottom of the flyer) as soon as possible if your entry must cancel for any reason, so we may remove your entry's name from the line-up and announcer's list.

Sponsors: Merced County Human Services Agency, Veterans Services, and United Way of Merced County.

