

2015 VETERANS DAY PARADE

Leonardtown, Maryland

Guidelines
Approved

GUIDELINES FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS

- **THE VETERANS DAY PARADE WILL MOVE AT 9:45 AM.**
The Parade route begins on Fenwick Street in the vicinity of St. Mary's Ryken High School, proceeds down Fenwick Street, turns left onto Washington Street until reaching Courthouse Drive where the parade will end. **Marching groups** will proceed down Courthouse Drive to Park Avenue to meet their buses. **Floats** must clear Washington Street and pull to the side of the road before passengers may disembark. **Equestrian teams** and other animal groups will proceed to the grassy field at the end of Courthouse Drive and Fenwick Street. **All motor vehicles** (cars, motorcycles, etc.) will continue straight on Washington. Those that are able to will make the **right onto Lawrence Avenue** which they can follow to public parking or out of Town. **Fire trucks, Ambulances, etc.** will continue down Courthouse. **Vehicles that are unable to make the turn** will proceed to the Leonardtown Wharf Park to turn around and come back up the hill. Please heed police directions
- **PARADE FORMATION BEGINS AT 7:00 AM.**
Parade participants should arrive starting at 7:00 AM and not later than 9:00 AM. Parade vehicles should be in place no later than 8:00 AM; remaining parade participants should be in place NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM. Please be aware that participants arriving later than 9:00 AM risk not getting to the parade formation and check-in area in time for the parade. ***DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF AT RYKEN OR THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL. USE THE BUSES AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.*** We will have more buses this year to bring your groups to Ryken. We will also have more portable restrooms available at Ryken HS.
- **ALL UNITS MUST REPORT TO PARADE ORGANIZERS.**
Upon arrival, ALL parade units must report to parade organizers, sending one (1) person from their group to report that they are present and to receive their place in line formation. Parade organizers will be identified and be stationed in areas at Ryken High School.
- **PARKING AND ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS:**
The Parade will stage at Ryken High School on Camp Calvert Road. Directions to Ryken High School: From Route 5 (Point Lookout Road), take Fenwick Street and make a left onto Camp Calvert Road. Ryken High School is on the left. Participants will then proceed behind Paschall Hall (the gymnasium) for further directions.
All Parade Participants arriving by personal vehicle should park at the Leonardtown Middle School parking area complex, where they will be bused to Ryken High School.
DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF AT RYKEN, USE THE BUSES AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

- The following Parade Participants only, should proceed directly to the assembly area at Ryken High School:
 - Units that are arriving by bus (such as school bands, etc.), *to unload only* in front of the school; buses must be moved to designated parking in Town
 - Individuals carrying large instruments, such as bagpipers, *to unload only* in front of the school; vehicles must be moved to other parking areas.
 - Vehicles that are in the parade, such as Police, Fire Trucks, Ambulances, Classic Cars, Motorcycles, Charlotte Hall Vets Van etc.
 - Floats
 - Horses (Scoopers are required) *Please clean up at Ryken before you leave.*
 - No vehicles will be allowed behind the school unless they are in the parade (see examples listed above).
- Upon arrival at Ryken High School - You will be directed to your assembly area. Numbered cones will be set up at each assembly area where you will line up. Parade participants that do not know their number will be given their number upon check in with one of the parade organizers.
- Please contact the parade organizer if special circumstances prevent you from walking the parade route.

**OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF SPECTATORS,
DO NOT DISTRIBUTE CANDY FROM THE PARADE ROUTE
EMERGENCY VEHICLES ARE ASKED TO REFRAIN FROM USING SIRENS –
Out of courtesy to Town Residents and Businesses, Elderly Spectators and
Vets dealing with PTSD**

- **PARKING AND SHUTTLE SERVICES FOR SPECTATORS:**

- **Spectators with Personal Vehicles:** will enter Downtown via Washington Street or Lawrence Avenue. Public parking will be available in designated areas of Park Avenue, Courthouse Drive, and the Courthouse parking lot until the lots are full.
- **Spectator Shuttle:** The Shuttle will load spectators at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds on Route 5 (Point Lookout Road). The Shuttle will then proceed into the Downtown area via Washington Street and make a drop-off at the street closure point (intersection of Washington and Shadrick). The shuttle will then make a right onto Shadrick, a right onto Lawrence and return to the Fairgrounds for another pick-up.
- **Auxiliary Spectator Parking and Shuttle:** Located at the Governmental Center. Shuttle pickup at the STS Circle in front of the Potomac Building.
- **Handicapped Parking Area:** Spectators requesting handicapped parking should take Washington Street into the Downtown area. Upon showing proof of handicapped sticker or need, they will be allowed through the street closure area to continue on Washington Street to park in the designated parking lot behind the Church of the Nazarene.