

# 2019 VETERANS DAY PARADE

Leonardtown, Maryland

Monday, November 11, 2019

Entry Deadline: Friday, October 18, 2019

Organization/School/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry: (float, band, marching group, dance group, or youth) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: (The person who will receive all correspondence) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief** description: (required for announcer). Try to keep it at 2 or 3 sentences. \_\_\_\_\_

1. How many people in your group will be walking in the parade? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many people in your group will be driving in the parade? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many people in your group will be passengers only? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many Animals will be in the parade? \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Animal? \_\_\_\_\_ (bring scoopers)
5. If Horses – how many trucks/trailers will you be bringing? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Will you have a float: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, **total length of truck/hitch/float/trailer** \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many people will be riding on the float? \_\_\_\_\_ (if not listed above)
8. Is your vehicle oversized: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
9. Will you need space to park a vehicle that is hauling equipment that is not in the parade? If so, how many spaces will you need? \_\_\_\_\_. This additional parking space will not be in the parade line up area, it will be in a separate parking lot within Ryken. You will be required to unload and move all non-parade vehicles. Spacing is everything, the larger vehicles can't fit down the aisles if you are parked where you don't belong. So please keep that in mind.

**I have read and understand the parade guidelines and agree to adhere to them.**

**No Horns, Whistles or Sirens before or during the parade**

**CANDY or FLIERS will not be distributed along the parade route.**

**I understand that the parade will form up at Ryken High School on Fenwick Street in Leonardtown MD. The Parade will move promptly at 9:45 am and there will not be room for me to turn around or park vehicles at Ryken that are not listed on this form.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**You will be given an assigned number and approximate location of where to line up prior to the parade. Attendants will be available to help when you arrive.**

If your vehicle is not in the parade or authorized a parking spot at Ryken, you need to go to the Leonardtown Middle School, park your vehicle and ride the bus over. We have golf carts available in the front of Ryken to help you move equipment and to assist the elderly and disabled. We ask that floats be "loaded with the required equipment" before it is brought to Ryken to avoid all the "Equipment drop offs"

**Please have this form mailed/emailed to me no later than October 18, 2019. No late entries will be accepted. *It is much easier to remove you if you can't attend than to fit you into the lineup after it has been completed.***

Thank You,  
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## **Guidelines for parade participants:**

**1<sup>st</sup> and foremost – safety!!!** Be sure parents know to meet their group at Leonardtown Middle School (Rt 5 south of Leonardtown across from Fair Grounds) and all children are transported via bus with adult supervision. There are about 2200 walkers in the parade. **DO NOT drop children at Ryken**, or on Route 5 or any other side street to walk into Ryken. Parents can ride the bus over with their child and then quickly turn around and ride it back to their car if they want. The buses will start running at 0800 from Leonardtown Middle School until everyone is transported. Last year they were done before 0930.

**No personal vehicles at Ryken** unless they are in the parade or you made special arrangements with me for a parking spot for elderly, handicapped persons or a vehicle with large/heavy equipment that would be hard to get on a school bus.

**Ryken Bus Circle** in front of the school is for **buses only**; personal vehicles delay the buses. All buses – including bands – will unload in front of Ryken in the bus circle. There is not any room to turn around behind Ryken.

**All cars, trucks, motorcycles, floats – ALL VEHICLES – in the parade need to be parked by 0800.** Lineup is from 0700 – 0800 so please – for “safety sake” plan to be parked before the pedestrians arrive. Floats and large vehicles that can’t fit in a parking spot will be directed to come in, turn left and enter your row from the back side so that you are facing the entrance.

**No candy, no fliers, no brochures, or promotion items are to be thrown or distributed along the parade route.**

**No sirens, whistles or horns are to be blown before or during the parade.**

Last year several groups held up the parade by passing out items along the route, leaving large gaps and making the parade even longer than necessary.

In the past, we have had to hire someone to come in and shovel, spray and sweep the parking lot and sidewalks from horse droppings. I am talking about full piles of manure, not wet spots or a little straw. Please bring the proper equipment to clean up your mess.

**Registration Cut Off Date** – Please send in your registration form before the cutoff date. It is very hard to finalize the lineup and notify every one of their assigned spot if you don’t turn in your registration form on time.

Final guidelines and line up directions will follow as we near the actual parade date.

We are looking at vendor options for Ryken that will offer coffee, hot chocolate and pastries at reasonable prices, we will keep you posted on that.

If you have questions pertaining to the parade, please contact me at: [Cdpennington@icloud.com](mailto:Cdpennington@icloud.com) or 301-904-0707

If you have questions about the ceremony in town, after the parade, or shuttle buses please contact Brandy Blackstone at: [brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov](mailto:brandy.blackstone@leonardtownmd.gov) or 301-475-9791