

## INFORMATION & STAGING AREAS FOR THE FREEDOM VETERANS PARADE

DATE OF PARADE: Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

STAGING TIME: All units should be in place by 10:00 am.

NEW PARADE ROUTE: The parade proceeds under the underpass north on Pine Street then turn right on to North 1st St., then turn left on Walnut St. At North 6<sup>th</sup> St. turn left and left again on Pine St. and go back under the underpass to the staging area. Try to maintain a 30-foot space between units. Disband in the 200 & 300 block of Chestnut & disperse to the South or West.

FIRST AID: A Metro Care Ambulance will be located at the corner of Pine Street and North 1<sup>st</sup> Street (N.E. corner) to administer first aid if needed. We are grateful to Metro Care Ambulance for providing this service.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS

A. The following rule is in effect for the safety of small children: NO items, including candy, gum, buttons, t-shirts, business cards, etc. are to be tossed, thrown or handed out by any parade moving vehicle, during the parade.

- B. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE UNDER 13 FEET TALL TO FIT UNDER THE UNDERPASS.
- C. Motorcycles, four-wheelers and bicycle riders should be extremely cautious around horse groups. Absolutely no revving of engines under the underpass.
- D. Place entry numbers on both sides of your entry.
- E. After a unit has entered the parade no one is permitted to board or dismount that unit.
- F. If your vehicle has problems please move to the side and let the next entry proceed. You must complete the parade route to receive your prize, if awarded.
- G. Riding units must have at least 6 riders to be judged.

## STAGING AREA INFORMATION

VIP & MILITARY UNITS report to 300 Oak Street.

DECORATED FLOATS report to South 3<sup>rd</sup> & Cherry. If being judged – your decorated float MUST be in place by 10:00 a.m.

SINGLE / COMMERCIAL UNITS report to South 4<sup>th</sup> & Cherry Street. Enter South 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Treadaway.

VEHICLES (ANTIQUE CARS, CAR CLUBS, CUSHMANS, MOTORCYCLES) report to South 5<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Street.

ANTIQUE TRACTORS report to South 6<sup>th</sup> & Oak. You may use 6<sup>th</sup> Street, East of Oak & the Southwest parking lot to park and unload.

BANDS report the 300 Block of Chestnut. Buses will drop off band members on the west side of the Courthouse, 300 Block of Chestnut. Then proceed to the Enterprise Building parking lot at South 4<sup>th</sup> & Sycamore. After the parade, band members will return to buses at this parking lot to disperse.

EQUINE UNITS All equine units report to Pecan & South 5<sup>th</sup> to pick up your parade number. ALL equine units must have a negative Coggins test paper. These papers should be checked at staging area. Papers should include name, number, date of test and name of laboratory.

## FREEDOM VETERANS PARADE WAIVER AND RELEASE:

This form must be signed by a representative of the parade entry and returned with the entry form to eligible to be in the parade. For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed, I do hereby RELEASE the Abilene Freedom Foundation (hereby "AFF"), participants, sponsors, committees, volunteers, associates, representatives and all persons or entities in privity therewith, individually or collectively, from any and all liability or cause of action which might arise out of my participation in events the Freedom Veterans Parade. I do hereby waive all claims or causes of action I might have against the AFF for personal injury, property damage, consequential damages, or any other damage of whatsoever nature sustained or suffered while participating in the parade. I do hereby RELEASE and RELINQUISH the AFF from any liability resulting from their own negligence, in regard to the parade. I am knowledgeable of and do hereby assume all risks inherent and incident to participation.

This Waiver and Release of all claims shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon my heirs, successors and assigns.

SIGNED:
DATE:
Print name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
ORGANIZATION YOU ARE REPRESENTING: