



PARADE RULES

MERCED COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE

Thursday, November 11, 2021



Check-in for participants will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Opening Ceremony at Bob Hart Square starts at 12:00 p.m. and the parade will commence at 1:00 p.m. The parade will follow the familiar parade route along Main Street in downtown Merced, however, with a few changes. Parade floats and participants will be positioned along Main Street between M and G Streets and the public will have the opportunity to drive thru the event, heading east from M Street toward G 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 Main and M Streets, where they will receive further instructions for positioning along the parade route.
- 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) Entries are encouraged to **review** existing **COVID-19 Safety Guidance & Protocols** at <https://www.co.merced.ca.us/3350/Coronavirus-Disease-2019> prior to the parade and **follow** published **social distancing and face covering** policies during the parade.
- 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.

