

2025 Veterans Day Parade Tuesday, November 11th Parade Participant Information

Please contact Mindy at 360-992-1808 with questions.

Parade will begin at 11 am on Tuesday, November 11th, rain or shine.

Parade Check-in/Registration:

- Located in tent, east side of Crosley Lanes Bowling Alley parking lot (2400 E. Evergreen Blvd.)
- Check-in/staging opens at 8 am and concludes at 10 am
- No entries will be allowed after 10:30 am. No exceptions.

Arrival/Line-Up Instructions:

- All units should enter from east of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site—from Grand Boulevard and Evergreen Boulevard. Parade coordinators in orange vests will assist you in finding your staging location.
- Designate one adult from your unit to check in at the registration tent at Crosley Lanes. They will be given your official parade unit number.
- The final parade lineup list and staging map will be emailed to you approximately November 7. Once you have this information, please see the parade lineup list to find your parade unit number. Next, find your parade unit number on the staging map. This staging map provides you with your staging location. The parade lineup

lists and staging maps will also be available at registration. Volunteers will be present to direct you to your staging location, if assistance is required.

- Each person in your group must know your parade unit number.
- Units with extra-long vehicles must arrive before 9 am.
- Do not block traffic in the staging area. One lane must be kept open on all streets as an emergency fire lane at all times. If you are staged on E. Evergreen Street, you must park on the NORTH side of the street. This allows one lane to be open for emergency vehicles.
- **Unit Number Display Sign:** Designate someone in the front of your unit to carry your parade unit number or to display it in your parade vehicle's front window. This number is essential for parade announcers to read your unit's information for parade viewers and the CVTV audience.
- Marching Bands: Enter south of Mill Plain on Reserve by the soccer fields.
 Parents/buses can unload and load musicians in gravel parking lot on the west side of Reserve St.
- **Boy and Girl Scouts:** Scouts should be dropped off at the intersection of 5th and Reserve and walk to their staging location on 6th Street. **DO NOT** park a vehicle at the Pearson Air Museum. Each scout should know his/her parade unit number. Scout pick-up will be on E. 5th.
- **Equestrian/Animal Units**: You must provide a pooper-scooper. You must clean up after your animals for the entire day and keep the staging area and parking lots clean. Units violating this rule will not be allowed to participate in the parade this year or future years.
- Please be aware that there are crosswalk poles along 5th St., running across the street in several locations. Please use caution in these areas.
- Please drop your laminated parade numbers in the plastic bin located at the end of the parade route – E. Reserve and E. 5th.

Parade Route: The map below outlines the parade route in red, which will loop around the Fort Vancouver National Site. The parade route is approximately 1.3 miles long. The parade will end at E. 5th and E. Reserve.

Parking: The parade staging area is for parade show vehicles **ONLY**. **DO NOT** park a vehicle in the staging area, unless it will accompany you in the parade. Non-parade vehicles will need to park on-street parking north of 9th Street or in one of the parking lots indicated in

orange on the map below. **DO NOT park in the staging area or at Crosley Lanes Bowling Alley.**

Parade performances, routines or displays: You may pause in front of each of the announcer stands. The parade Reviewing Officer will be located at the tent on the Marshall House lawn. Routines must be 60 seconds or less to keep the parade moving.

Prepare for inclement weather: Although we hope for a sunny day, please be prepared for inclement weather. The parade will go on rain or shine.

Religious or political statements, signs or literature: No controversial religious or political statements will be allowed in the parade or distributed along the parade route. Religious and/or political statements and materials may only be displayed in the designated free-speech areas at Fort Vancouver. Please contact the National Park Service for details at 360-816-6230.

Throwing candy: DO NOT throw candy or other objects from vehicles. It is a safety hazard when children rush into the street to pick up candy. **You may hand out candy but may NOT throw it.**

Thank you for supporting our veterans!

