



# Ascension Veterans Associations

## 2014 Veterans Parade

### Information, Rules and Regulations



The 2014 Veterans Parade is dedicated to all veterans past and present. Parade entries should represent the patriotic theme and all decorations should be done with the dignity and respect our Veterans and the U.S. Flag have earned.

The Parade Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that is deemed not in good taste, inappropriate or not in the best interests of the event. All participants are responsible to ensure that the design and operation of their entry is safe and reliable. Your completed, signed, and submitted Application Form is your acceptance of, on behalf of your entry and all your entry's participants, all AVA Veterans Parade Rules and Regulations.

The parade line-up will take place from 12:30-13:30 at the Gonzales Civic Center and Irma Boulevard. The parade will begin promptly at 2:00pm.

#### GENERAL RULES:

- **NO POLITICAL CANDIDACY SIGNS ALLOWED** – no “vote for”, “elect” or “support” signs. Elected officials and political candidates are permitted to participate. Current government officials may be identified.
- **No one** is allowed to get on or off a float or entry once the parade has begun.
- The Veterans Parade is a **forward-motion parade**. NO backward motion is allowed during the event. A brief stop for dance routines and band maneuvers is acceptable.
- All units – floats, bands, cars, etc. should keep pace with the unit in front of them and should leave an appropriate interval between themselves and the next unit. We suggest 3-4 car lengths. Please do not allow a gap greater than 4 car lengths.
- All vehicles are asked to proceed to the very end of the parade route (Gonzales Civic Center) for the safety of all participants. Please **DO NOT** stop and unload prior to the end of the parade.
- All vehicles **MUST BE** operated by a **licensed driver over the age of 18** and must provide documented proof of **liability insurance**.
- A **responsible adult MUST** accompany children riding on a float, trailer, or vehicle, at all times.
- **Animals** will not be allowed with the exception of organized equestrian groups. Participants responsible for clean-up after animals before, during, and after the parade.
- All parade participants are required to conduct themselves in such a manner that will not infringe on the rights of businesses and people living in and along the parade route. Please be respectful of their property.
- Floats and vehicle decoration have to be patriotic themes. The parade committee suggests also using throws that are red, white, and blue.
- Display of the U.S. Flag as a decoration is permitted if done in accordance with the Flag Code.
- **NO public address system(s)** shall be permitted. Vehicles and floats can use amplified sound systems for music.
- **SPONSORSHIP / COMMERCIALISM:** Recognition of commercial sponsors of your entry is acceptable, provided that it is done tastefully and the commercial message does not dominate the entry.



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Theme: HONORING ASCENSION VETERANS – PAST AND PRESENT

Sunday, November 9, 2014 \* Gonzales, LA \* PARADE BEGINS AT 2:00 PM

Please fill out the application completely, print clearly, and use ink.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 30, 2014.**

## TYPE OF ENTRY

**Read all parade rules before completing this form.**

Please check the description that describes your parade entry.

- Civic Float
- Youth Float
- Commercial Float
- Band
- Drill Team
- Jr. ROTC/CAP
- Color Guard
- Cultural Unit
- Government Official
- Clowns
- Novelty
- Equestrian
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### *Vehicles (Proof of Insurance Required)*

- Horseless Carriage (pre 1915 car)
- Antique Auto (1916 - 1929)
- Classic Auto (1930 - 1949)
- Contemporary Auto (1950 - 1975)
- Decorated Auto
- Customized Auto
- Business/Commercial Vehicle/Truck
- Automobile Club

### Veteran and Activity Military Groups

- Marching
- Float
- Color Guard
- Band
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Please indicate Military Branch

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marine
- Coast Guard
- Merchant Marine
- Combined
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Return both pages of this application by October 30, 2014.**

Mailing Address:

Ascension Veterans Associations

Attn: Parade Committee

P.O. Box 146, Gonzales, LA 70737

# CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of the Individual, Group, Organization, or Business making entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person we should contact if we have questions: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (daytime): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

# DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY

Number of people in your unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate length of unit on the street: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Will your parade unit have a motorized vehicle (golf cart, tractor, truck, car, etc.)?    Yes    No

Will your unit have an element of sound (music, drums, singing, etc.)?    Yes    No

Will the sound be:            Very Soft            Moderate            Loud            Very Loud

Will you be willing to allow veterans to ride on your unit:            Yes            No

# SIGNATURES & DEADLINES

The undersigned has read this agreement carefully and represents that he or she has the authority to execute this agreement on behalf of the part for whom he or she is signing.

Your signature on this form is evidence that you agree to the Parade Rules and will abide by those rules and the decision of the Parade Committee. Further, your signature on this entry form indicates that you agree that the Ascension Veterans Associations, the Parish of Ascension, and the City of Gonzales, and all of those organizations' volunteers, employees, contractors and agents, are released from any and all responsibility for loss, claim of loss, damage, injury, liability or other expenses claimed to any person or property relating in any way to participation in the parade.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, call the AVA at 225.485.7875**