

INFORMATION & STAGING AREAS FOR THE FREEDOM VETERANS PARADE DATE OF PARADE:

Saturday, November 8th, 2025

LINE UP: Will start at 8:00 am.

STAGING TIME: All units should be in place by 9:30 am.

NEW PARADE ROUTE: The parade proceeds under the underpass north on Pine Street, then turns right onto North 1st St., then turns left on Walnut St. At North 6th St., turn left and left again on Pine St. and goes back under the underpass to the staging area. 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 1st 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 you are awarded.

STAGING AREA INFORMATION

VIP & MILITARY UNITS: report to S.2nd and Oak by the Court House.

DECORATED FLOATS & WAGONS: report to South 3rd. Enter South 3rd from Treadaway, headed towards the courthouse.

VEHICLES (ANTIQUE CARS, CAR CLUBS, CUSHMANS, MOTORCYCLES) and CLUBS: report to South 4th. Enter South 4th from Treadaway, headed towards the courthouse.

ANTIQUE TRACTORS: report to South 6th. Enter South 6th from Treadaway, headed towards the courthouse. You may use 6th Street, East of Oak & the Southwest parking lot to park and unload.

BANDS: report the 300 Oak at the courthouse. 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 4th & 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 5th to pick up your parade number. ALL equine units must have a negative Coggins test paper. These papers should be checked in the staging area. Papers should include the name, number, date of test, and the name of the laboratory.

If judged, you **MUST be in place by 9:30 a.m.**