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## THE THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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# THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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The American Veterans Center

In Association with The White House Commission on Remembrance

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SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENT AND TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

#### Young Marines Program

**Col. Mike Kessler (USMC-Ret), National Executive Director**  
**Joseph E. Bles, Inspector General for the Young Marines Program**  
**National Headquarters —Washington, DC**  
**Participating Young Marines Units:**

Quantico Young Marines—VA	Crossroads Young Marines—VA
Southern Maryland Young Marines—MD	Oxon Hill Young Marines—MD
Hamilton Young Marines—MD	Eno River Young Marines - NC
Three Rivers Young Marines - CT	Young Marines 2000 - WV
Mountain State Young Marines - WV	Williamsport Young Marines - PA
	Central Maryland Young Marines - MD
	Metropolitan District of Washington Battalion Young Marines—DC

#### National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program

Maryland Freestate ChalleNGe Academy - Col. Richard Young  
District of Columbia Youth ChalleNGe - Mr. Gordon Sampson

#### Additional Groups—

American Legion Laurel Post 60 —Laurel, MD  
Washington Area Collectors of Military Vehicles/Blue and Grey Military Trust  
Central Virginia Mustang Club  
National Capital Region Mustang Club  
Southern Maryland Model A Club  
Mt. Vernon Model A Club—George Washington Chapter  
Model A Ford Club of Washington Area  
Worldwide F-Body Hideout Car Club  
Lake Anna Cruisers  
And all individual antique/classic car owners

Priscilla Roberts, Kitt Rodkey and John Wiscombe, who were instrumental in creating the 2004 "Parade Salute to World War II Veterans," out of which the National Memorial Day Parade grew.





## AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER



The mission of the American Veterans Center is to preserve and promote the legacy of America's servicemen and women from the American Revolution through Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Center is comprised of two divisions - The World War II Veterans Committee and the National Vietnam Veterans Committee. The American Veterans Center is also the primary sponsor of the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.

"Bringing the legacy of the Greatest Generation to the latest generation" is the motto of the World War II Veterans Committee. Through documentary work, speaker programs, and its quarterly publication, *World War II Chronicles*, the World War II Veterans Committee seeks to bring the history of World War II to today's students and young people.

The newest project of the American Veterans Center is the National Vietnam Veterans Committee. Based on the outline of the World War II Veterans Committee, the National Vietnam Veterans Committee not only seeks to tell the combat stories of Vietnam veterans, it also seeks to tell their stories after they returned home. The National Vietnam Veterans Committee, through its programs which include the publication *Valor: The Veterans of Vietnam*, is working to tell the true story of Vietnam veterans which has so often been ignored.

In addition to the National Memorial Day Parade, programs of the American Veterans Center include:

- ***World War II Chronicles*** and ***Valor: The Veterans of Vietnam***: Published quarterly, *World War II Chronicles*, which takes its name from the popular radio series featuring Edward J. Herlihy, features stories by and about veterans of the Second World War. From overviews of battles to intimate stories of veterans, *World War II Chronicles* seeks to keep the legacy of the "Greatest Generation" alive by allowing them to tell their stories to an audience of over 50,000 subscribers. *Chronicles'* newest companion publication, *Valor: The Veterans of Vietnam*, provides a forum for this next generation of heroes to share their experiences with the public. Copies of both publications are donated to over 200 VA hospitals around the country.

Think for a minute about America.

We're a country with more than  
301 million people.

Free to speak our minds.

Free to cast our votes.

Free to pursue our dreams.

Now think about why we are free.

It is because of the brave men and women  
who served in America's military forces.

Men and women who laid down their lives  
in the service of that high ideal – freedom.

We remember their courage.

Their dedication.

Their service.

And we forever honor the supreme sacrifice  
each of them made...

To protect the freedom we hold so dear.



*A Memorial Day message from  
the men and women of Lockheed Martin.*

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- **Documentaries:** Following in the tradition of *World War II Chronicles*, the American Veterans Center has produced a number of radio documentary programs on World War II and military history, including *D-Day: They Were There*, *Pearl Harbor: 60 Years of Echoes*, and *No Greater Love: The Four Chaplains and the Sinking of the Dorchester*.

- **Veterans Chronicles and Proudly We Hail:** Working with the Radio America network, the American Veterans Center currently sponsors two weekly radio series, *Veterans Chronicles* and *Proudly We Hail*. Hosted by Gene Pell, *Veterans Chronicles* features interviews with the eyewitnesses to the great and tragic moments in military history. *Proudly We Hail* is a weekly radio magazine recorded on location at America's military bases, historical sites, and museums, featuring tales of heroism, bulletins on veterans' health issues, and news.

- **Youth Activities:** The Center supports an annual essay contest with cash awards, a high school scholarship program, a college scholarship program, and a summer internship program.

- **Annual Conference:** Each year the American Veterans Center's national conference is held in Washington, DC, featuring some of America's most distinguished veterans as speakers. Several hundred high school and college students participate in the conference. Additionally, the event includes wreath-laying ceremonies at the national war memorials, veteran-themed events around the city, and an annual awards banquet, honoring the service of the United States military's greatest heroes.

- **Library and Archives:** Each day, books on American military history are received, cataloged, and added to the Center's library, which now numbers several hundred volumes. The Center also welcomes memoirs, personal accounts, newspaper clippings, and other records pertaining to American military history for inclusion.

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### AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER

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## The National Memorial Day Parade 2007

### **Pre Parade**

Hosts Welcoming and Introductions

**Adrian Cronauer & Blanquita Cullum**

Performance by Miss America's Outstanding Teen,  
**Maria DeSantis** – "America the Beautiful"

Performance by **Cooper Boone** – "Carry Me"

Performance by **Valor** - "God Bless the USA" &  
"God Bless America"

Performance by **Pat Boone** – "For My Country –  
The Ballad of the National Guard"

Welcome by **James C. Roberts**

Chairman, National Memorial Day Parade  
Committee

Invocation by **Rev. Robin Rauh**, Rector of the  
Church of the Epiphany, Herndon, Virginia

The National Anthem

Sung by **Major Kat Strus, USAF**

The Pledge of Allegiance

Led by **John F. Baker Jr., Roger C.H. Donlon,  
& Robert L. Howard**

Recipients of the Medal of Honor

Performance by **Robin Gannt** – "On This Day"

"God Bless America"

Sung by All Performers

Introduction of Reviewing Officer

**The Honorable Michael W. Wynne**

Secretary of the Air Force

### **Segment #1**

***Representatives of the District of Columbia and  
Grand Marshals***

Metropolitan Police Lead Car with Washington, DC  
Mayor **Adrian Fenty**, accompanied by cadets from  
the DC Youth Challenge

Lead Banner Carried by the Young Marines

American Veterans Center banner

Caparisoned Horse, in Honor of Those Who Have  
Fallen - Valley Forge Military Academy

United States Air Force Colorguard

United States Air Force Band

### **Honorary Grand Marshal**

**Major General Robert L. Smolen, USAF**

Commander, Air Force District of Washington

United States Merchant Marines

Lundeburg, Maryland Seamanship School

Representative of the City of Washington

Kerwin E. Miller

Director, Office of Veterans Affairs – District of  
Columbia

### **Grand Marshals**

**Our Wounded Warriors** from Operation  
Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom  
With Honorary Marshal **Gary Sinise**

Ballou High School Band – Washington, DC

27 Original "Old Glory" Flags – Carried by the  
Young Marines

White House Commission on Remembrance Banner

Medal of Honor Recipients **John F. Baker, Jr.,  
Roger C.H. Donlon, & Robert L. Howard** -  
Sponsored by TriWest Healthcare Alliance

Valley Forge Military Academy Equestrian Team &  
Drum and Bugle Corps

### **Segment #2**

***The Native Americans***

National Museum of the Native American Color  
Guard and Veterans

Native Nations Dance Theatre – Pennsylvania

Northwood High School Band – Michigan

Captain Meriwether Lewis and William Clark

### ***The American Revolution***

Maryland State Color Guard

George and Martha Washington

15'x20' "Betsy Ross" Flag – Carried by the Young  
Marines

Sons of the American Revolution – George  
Washington Chapter

15'x20' "Bennington" Flag – Carried by the Young  
Marines

Sons of the American Revolution – National Color  
Guard

Rio Rico High School Marching Band – Arizona

### **Segment #3**

***War of 1812***

1812 Ship's Company

Illinois Valley Central High School Marching Band  
– Illinois

### ***The Civil War***

Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd

On this day



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THE COMMISSION IS DEDICATED TO EDUCATING THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS TO REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES AND COSTS IN HUMAN LIFE MADE TO PRESERVE OUR LIBERTIES. FURTHERMORE, THE COMMISSION IS TASKED BY THE PRESIDENT WITH ORGANIZING TRIBUTES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO HONOR AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE DIED IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY FROM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION THROUGH OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

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and the Courageous Men  
and Women Serving in  
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#### *Segment #4 The Spanish-American War*

Theodore Roosevelt riding in a Model T

Southern Maryland Model A Car Club

1<sup>st</sup> United States Volunteer Cavalry Regiment  
“The Rough Riders”

Mounted Unit of Maryland Buffalo Soldiers

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Horse Cavalry

AT 3:00 PM: THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

The parade will pause while taps is played

#### *Segment #5 World War I*

##### **Honorary Marshal for World War I**

**Frank Woodruff Buckles** – United States Army

American “Doughboy” Sailors

Waverly High School Marching Band – Nebraska

##### **World War II**

Martinsville High School JROTC

World War II Color Guard

##### *Honorary Marshal for World War II*

**Colonel & Mrs. Walker M. Mahurin**, USAF-Ret

George Washington Model A Ford Club of America

Great Mills High School Naval JROTC – Maryland

AMVETS National Color/Honor Guard – Maryland

**The Tuskegee Airmen** riding on a float sponsored by AMVETS

“The Leatherneck Express”

Franklin D. Roosevelt riding in a 1937 Lincoln

Veterans of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division riding in vehicles sponsored by WMAL

Veterans of the “**Band of Brothers**” – E Company, 506<sup>th</sup> PIR, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division riding in a vehicle sponsored by Phillips Publishing

**Major General John K. Singlaub**, USA-Ret

Veterans of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS)  
The OSS Society, Inc.

Veterans of the 99<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division – WWII

Pearl Harbor Survivors Association

Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA)

Canyon High School Brigade – California

Veterans of Underage Military Service

The American Legion DC Honor Guard

Artesia High School Marching Band – New Mexico

#### *Segment #7*

Flags of the Allied Nations of World War II carried by Metropolitan District Washington Battalion

82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association of America, Washington, DC Chapter

United States Volunteers riding in vehicles from the Washington Area Collections of Military Vehicles

French War Veterans of Washington, float sponsored by the Embassy of France

Military Officers Association of America – Northern Virginia Chapter

Jewish War Veterans

North Andover High School Marching Band – Massachusetts

Gold Star Wives of America riding in cars from the National Capital Region Mustang Club

Republic of China Veterans Association of Greater Washington and Maryland

Capital Wing of the Airmen's Preservation Society

“Swing Shift” riding in a military jeep from Washington Area Collectors of Military Vehicles

VF-11 and Military Vehicles

**Bob & Anne Feller** – Baseball Hall of Famer and World War II Navy Veteran riding in a convertible from Lake Anna Cruisers Classic Car Club

**The Doolittle Raiders**, float sponsored by Fundraising Strategies

Featuring Col. William Bower, Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole, Maj. Thomas Griffin, MSgt. Edwin Horton, Lt. Col. Edward Saylor, SSgt. David J. Thatcher

The 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Marching Band – Ft. Drum, NY

**The Flying Tigers**, float sponsored by the Taiwanese American Outreach Association  
Featuring Maj. Gen. John Alison, Gen. David Lee “Tex” Hill, Lt. Col. Donald Lopez, Clayton Dukes

VFW Post 6246

**Segment #8**  
***The Korean War***

**Honorary Marshal for the Korean War**  
**James McEachin** – United States Army  
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Stories of Service from the Digital Clubhouse Network

Stephenson High School Marching Band – Georgia

National Association of American Veterans, Inc. – Washington, DC Chapter

Boy Scout Troop 939

Northeast Pennsylvania Veterans Mounted Color Guard Equestrian Team

US Vets DC

United States Coast Guard Flags Across America

American Flag carried by the Young Marines

**Segment #9**  
***The Vietnam War***

National Vietnam Veterans Committee banner

**Honorary Marshal for the Vietnam War**  
**Brigadier General R. Steve Ritchie, USAF-Ret**

Paint Branch High School NJROTC Rifle Drill Team

Military Order of the Purple Heart Honor Guard and Float

Washington Marion High School Band - Louisiana Vietnam Veterans of America with president, **John Rowan**

Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & Veterans Coalition Honor Guard

Republic of Vietnam Veterans Association Coalition of Washington, DC and Vicinity

Boumi Shrine Motorcycle Drill Team

Vietnam Veterans William H. Perry & Mike Trochan

Marine Corps League riding with the Virginia Mustang Club

National Association of Black Military Women

Generation to Generation: A Tradition of Service Families who have served in succeeding eras

Muslim American Veterans Association

Dunbar Senior High School Army JROTC Color Guard

Beirut Veterans of America

Civil Air Patrol Maryland Wing

Smithville High School Marching Band – Missouri

Council, Vietnamese American Organizations and Former Prisoners of the Vietnam War

American Gold Star Mothers riding in cars from the National Capital region Mustang Club

**Segment #10**  
***The Gulf War***

**Honorary Marshal for the Gulf War**  
**Col. Paul T. Johnson, USAF**

The American Legion Post 60 – Laurel, MD

State Flags carried by Prince George's County Public School JROTC

Everett High School Marching Band – Pennsylvania

Families of the Fallen – Honoring the Air Force Heroes Who Gave Their Lives in the Gulf War Featuring Terri & Kristine Buege, Dee Dee McMann, Carrie Bland, and MSgt. Wes Fields and MSgt. Larry Bupp

Kuwait Remembers: A thank-you to America's fallen service members from the people of Kuwait

Vehicles of the American Red Cross

Spirit of Madison Marching Band – South Dakota

DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department

**Segment #11**  
***Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom***

**Maj. Gen. David Wherley, DCNG** - Commanding General (JFHQ-DC)

M274 Army Mule

Float sponsored by Paralyzed Veterans of America, and featuring Pat Boone with Valor

Inter-service color guard

The United States Marine Corps Band

The United States Coast Guard Academy

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The United States Army &  
The United States Marine Corps

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Back in the Saddle: Bit by Bit

Eastern High School JROTC and Marching Band

Ending Banner

*Line-up at time of printing. Please note that order is subject to change.*

## THE HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

For nearly 65 years, Washington, DC—our nation's capital and headquarters of our military—was without a parade on our Armed Services' most sacred day. This despite the fact that parades on Memorial Day have been a tradition in towns across America for well over a century. Sadly, in recent years, many of these parades have been fading away, as the true meaning of Memorial Day is being increasingly forgotten.

In 2005, following the success of the previous year's "A Parade Salute to World War II Veterans," the American Veterans Center decided to bring this great tradition back to the nation's capital by creating the National Memorial Day Parade. Not merely an event for Washington, the National Memorial Day Parade is an event for the entire country—a major parade which seeks to draw the attention of Americans to the real meaning for the holiday: honoring those who have served, and died, to preserve our liberties.

The National Memorial Day Parade has quickly become a tradition in which Americans of all ages and generations can share. In only its second year, the parade drew over 150,000 spectators, a testament to the public's desire to honor our heroes in uniform. The parade includes nearly 200 elements, including marching bands, active duty and retired military units, youth groups, and parade floats—as well as hundreds of veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom

With the National Memorial Day Parade, the country once again has a tradition where all Americans can gather together to thank our greatest heroes, and remember those who have fallen.



Soldiers of the United States Army march down Constitution Avenue in the Second Annual National Memorial Day Parade in 2006. The parade culminated with over 600 service members recently returned from duty in Afghanistan and Iraq being welcomed home by a wildly enthusiastic crowd.

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## THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HONORS OUR PARADE MARSHALS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

### Parade Grand Marshals

Our wounded warriors from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### Honorary Marshals

Pat Boone and Gary Sinise

### Honorary Marshal for World War I

Frank Woodruff Buckles - One of our last remaining veterans of "The Great War"

### Honorary Marshal for World War II

Col. Walker "Bud" Mahurin - America's greatest living "ace"

### Honorary Marshal for the Korean War

James McEachin - Award-winning author and actor and decorated veteran

### Honorary Marshal for the Vietnam War

Brig. Gen. R. Steve Ritchie - The only Air Force "ace" pilot of Vietnam

### Honorary Marshal for the Gulf War

Col. Paul T. Johnson - One of only two recipients of the Air Force Cross during the Gulf War

## And a Special Salute to the 60th Anniversary of the United States Air Force

### Honorary Grand Marshal

Major General Robert L. Smolen - Commander, Air Force District of Washington

The Legendary Doolittle Raiders, Flying Tigers, and Tuskegee Airmen

The United States Air Force Band