



ALL VETERANS COUNCIL OF TOM GREEN COUNTY

Parade Instructions

There is no charge to participate in the San Angelo Veterans Day Parade. Participation is a privilege, and everyone is reminded that the purpose of the parade is to remember and honor all military veterans and their families. Therefore, all entries and participants will follow these guidelines:

- All entries must have completed an application form and been **APPROVED** to be in the parade.
- No motorized vehicle can be driven by anyone younger than sixteen years of age and /or anyone not possessing a valid state drivers license.
- Each entry will be assigned a parade position the day of the event. The Parade Coordinator **only** can make any changes to assigned parade positions.
- Candy is the only item allowed to be distributed by hand (not thrown) from your entry. (No ads, etc.)
- Parade entrees should reflect a patriotic theme and/or be in support of Veterans. All organizations should be properly identified with signs or a banner indicating the organization's name. **OPTIONAL:** This year's theme is "Welcome Home Vietnam War Veterans."
- Personnel on floats or participating in the parade are encouraged to dress in a manner appropriate to the theme of the parade (Welcome Home Vietnam War Veterans).
- The Parade Committee reserves the right to use official photographs taken by the Parade Photographers of any individuals or units for publicity purposes or to be posted on the AVC Parade website, local newspaper, and/or Facebook
- Do not exceed the speed limit in the parade and in congested areas. FIVE (5) MPH is the maximum speed for the event. Slower is always better.
- Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you, from pedestrians and spectators. Patience is necessary in the parade.
- Please keep your intervals. Use common sense and do not allow a gap in the parade. When gaps occur, pedestrians often try to cross between parade units which disrupts the parade. There is no rush to finish the parade.



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- Because of the danger to spectators, no items may be thrown from the parade units. Items may be handed to spectators by walking parade participants. Violations of this City regulation will result in the unit immediately ejected from the parade.
- If there is an emergency and you need help, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. Be sure and advise the operator of your exact location.
- Drink plenty of water, use sunscreen and relax. Please hydrate yourself at least 2 days prior to the parade so we can minimize the risk of anyone suffering from dehydration.
- The police department is available to help. Do not hesitate to ask for assistance.
- Youth organizations that are in the parade must always be properly supervised by adult leaders (in the staging area and during the parade). Children must not be left unattended at any time from parade start to finish.
- All parade participants must arrive and check-in at their designated staging area by 10 am. Earlier is better. Participants and organization representatives arriving or checking in late may be relocated to another staging area.
- If your parade vehicle fails, simply move to one side of the street and ask for assistance; do not panic. Please keep the parade moving as best as possible.
- KLST television station will air a live broadcast at 11am. The TV crew will present you a tag number that is used as their way of identifying your organization and parade entry for their broadcast. The TV station tag number is not your parade position number.
- Parade entrees are assigned a parade position number on a first-come-first-serve basis. However, there may be exceptions to this first-come-first-serve basis for military units, honorees, and veterans' organizations. The parade director has the final say in assigning parade position numbers.
- Where possible, animal entries will be positioned later in the parade lineup. These positions help reduce their exposure to normal parade sounds (whistles, sirens and marching bands). It also places the animals following/after marching groups for obvious reasons.
- Please keep your assigned area clean and tidy before, during, and after the parade.
- In case of a flyover, please control your animal(s) so they do not get spooked by the loud aircraft sounds. For riders, please control your animals so that you do not get knocked off or injured. (Most flyovers are usually scheduled at the start of the parade 11:00 am to 11:05 am.)
- All animals without a rider must be on a leash and controlled by a handler at all times, including along the parade route.



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General Information

MARCHING GROUPS

Band busses will park and unload in the vacant lot on Randolph St. between Concho and Twohig streets. Band members will line up on the southside of Concho St. facing east toward the staging area at Irving St. At the end of the parade, bands will be directed back to Concho St. for dismissal and departure. This will assist with the flow of traffic following the parade.

FLOATS

Floats will enter from South Bryant (Koenigheim St.) onto Santa Fe Park/River Drive and line up on the northside (left) of Santa Fe Drive. Only vehicles pulling floats will be allowed in this area. Float participants need to be dropped off and picked up in the vicinity of the Santa Fe Golf Course restrooms.

WAGONS AND BUGGIES

These entries will line up at the corner of Concho & Irving streets. Their unloading will be at the same location as in previous years: wagons/buggies will enter from Oakes Street onto Avenue B or Avenue C just south of the river. They will proceed east to Irving St. Parking is available from Love Street south to Washington Drive, including Fort Concho and the Paseo.

ANTIQUÉ VEHICLES

Vehicles will enter from Bryant (Koenigheim St.) or South Bryant (Abe St.) onto Concho and line-up on the northside of Concho heading east to the staging area at Irving St. Parking is available on Randolph St. between Concho and Twohig streets.

RIDING GROUPS

Riding Groups will enter from Bryant (Koenigheim St. or Abe St.) onto Avenue B, just south of the river. Riders will proceed east to Irving St. There is ample parking along Avenue A and Avenue B from Bryant to Oaks St. These groups may park either along the streets or there are various vacant lots throughout this area. If your riding group has a wagon or a buggy, it must line-up within the riding groups.