



FREEDOM250 NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FACT SHEET (2026)

- ★ The National Memorial Day Parade is on Monday, May 25, 2026, in Washington, DC and is sponsored by the American Veterans Center.
- ★ Lions Clubs of Multiple District 22 (Maryland, Delaware and Washington, DC) and Multiple District 24 (Virginia) are participating again as a Three-Star Sponsor, with a float. Lions have walked down Constitution Avenue for the past 17 years displaying their club Banner and showing support for our armed services members. Due to COVID, the 2020 Parade was held virtually and in 2021 it was a hybrid of limited live parade units and pre-recorded units.
- ★ We are asking our Lions and LEO clubs to recruit more participants for this special Freedom250 edition of the Parade. *Please come show your Lions pride in support of Mission 1.5.*
- ★ Your club can also participate by providing financial support to supplement our LCI grant funds. The donations can be paid from either your activities account or administrative account. The suggested amount is \$50 to \$100 per club, but any amount will be a great help. Checks should be made out to: "Lions NMDP" and mailed to: Treasurer Mike Yuenger, 12597 Fascia Court, Woodbridge, VA, 22192. **Donations are not a requirement for participation in the parade, so please come out and enjoy.**
- ★ Your Club or Organization can also donate snack items, sports drinks or water which will be provided to the participants at the registration site.
- ★ Uniform of the Day – Special yellow T-Shirts and dark pants, shorts or skirts for all and patriotic sashes for Veterans. LEOs may also wear LEO Shirts. If you participated in the past, you can use the same yellow T-shirt or you can purchase a new shirt, sizes Small to 3X Large for \$15.00. We have a few 4X Large on hand, but if you need 4XL or 5XL, let us know well in advance so we can special order for you. Special order will take about 3 weeks at a minimum.
- ★ Registration Venue – District 22C LCOF Trailer will be on 7th Street near Constitution Ave. N.W. from 7:00am until 1:00 pm. Registration will start at 8:00 am.

After registration, participants are free to visit the many tourist venues in the vicinity or enjoy visits with other Lions or other parade participants. All participants should assemble in the staging area 30 minutes before step-off. **New step-off time is approximately 10:00 am.**

Plan your arrival time based on weather and your interest in exploring museums and monuments.

- ★ Transportation to DC - Our staging area is near 7th Street & Constitution Avenue N. W. Since parking is severely limited, **we recommend you take Metro to Navy Memorial/Archives Station.**
- ★ Veterans – Please indicate your branch of service on the registration form (sent under separate cover).

- ★ Everyone participating in the parade must complete the required “Agreement of Release,” i.e., Participant Waiver Form. Please register early if you can; however, these forms will also be available at the registration site. Please check in so we know who is participating.
- ★ Please indicate if you can’t walk one mile in summer heat conditions (10 blocks down Constitution Avenue). You will be placed on the float riders list, first come, first serve.
- ★ If you plan to bring your Club Banner and have marched before, please bring the PVC holders if you have them. There is only a limited number of these available on the LCOF Trailer.
- ★ The Lions parade committee will provide snacks and refreshments and plenty of water.
- ★ End of Parade Transportation – If you wish, you will be transported by bus back to 7th Street & Constitution Avenue after the parade. Bus also stops at various Metro Stations. You will be given instructions as to where buses will be located at the parade’s end. Vehicular traffic is severely restricted during this period, so please listen carefully to the coordinator. We will endeavor to make this as easy as we can. We have tentative plans to load the bus to return to the starting point at 19th and Virginia. This will be contingent on how we are able to navigate with the roadblocks.
- ★ End of Parade Celebration will be at home of PDG Woody Woodard. The Home address is: 8417 Chillum Ct, Springfield, VA 22153. Directions and parking instructions will be handed out at the site. Please plan to come and celebrate a job well done. Those that have been there before should know the routine, and we look forward to seeing you again and hope it turns out to be a joyous occasion.
- ★ The Franconia-Springfield Metro Station on the Blue Line is closest to PDG Woody’s home. You may want to factor that into your travel plans as well.
- ★ If you are bringing a bus, let PCC Glen Logan know well in advance so he can get bus parking information to those who need it. Buses are usually staged somewhere around 18th & Virginia near the parade end.
- ★ **THE LIONS PARADE COMMITTEE TRULY HOPE THIS IS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ONE AND ALL. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.**

For Questions, please contact one of the following committee members:

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