



DOYLESTOWN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM

Welcome to the Doylestown 2026 Memorial Day Parade. Your interest in participating in our parade is sincerely appreciated by our community. **Please read all the information contained in this application before signing and returning it to us.**

In celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Nation, Doylestown is proud to honor the memory of people who gave their lives in service to our community and our country. This year, we want to create a signature event that pays tribute to our fallen heroes and celebrates the enduring spirit of the nation they fought to protect.

While Memorial Day has always been a solemn occasion to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country, this year's parade will also reflect our historic milestone: 250 years of freedom, resilience, and unity.

Organization name: _____

(Note: this should be the official name of your organization and that by which you will be known for the parade.)

Organization mailing address: _____

Organization point of contact: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Is this a walking unit? _____ Number of participants? _____

Does your unit have an identification banner? _____
(Note: maximum size is 3 feet high by 8 feet wide)

Banner text: _____

Are you requesting to have a vehicle(s) in the parade? _____ (Driver's license and proof of registration & insurance are required.)

Number of vehicles: _____ (Subject to Parade Marshal approval)

Vehicle and/or float size: _____
(Length in feet of the vehicle/ float is required.)

Are you requesting that your organization play music in the parade? _____
(Subject to Parade Marshal approval. There will be a very limited number of entries approved.)

Will your organization's entry have an animal? _____

If yes, what type of animal? _____

(See Parade Rules and Guidelines concerning vaccinations and behavior.)

I certify that I am the person responsible for the organization named above and I have **read, understand, and will comply** with the Parade Rules and Guidelines. I further understand that if my organization does not comply with the Parade Rules and Guidelines, it may be prohibited from participation in future parades.

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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RULES AND GUIDELINES

Purpose:

- The Doylestown Memorial Day Parade is conducted annually for the sole purpose of honoring those American veterans whose sacrifices in the defense of our nation and its democratic ideals are responsible for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Organization and Administration:

- Compliance with the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade Rules and Guidelines is mandatory.
- Parade entry registration shall only be accepted in writing via a completed official Parade Entry Registration Form.
 - The entry deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026.
 - There will be a maximum of 80 parade units.
 - Approved entries will be on a first come basis.
 - Each unit must name one coordinator as the point of contact between the Parade Marshal and your organization.
 - The coordinator shall be responsible for the conduct of all its participants and agrees to notify all its participants of these Rules and Guidelines.
 - There will be a **mandatory meeting** for all organizations' coordinators on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Doylestown Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street, Doylestown, Pa., 18901.
 - Final instructions and the unit positions in the parade will be distributed at the mandatory meeting.
- Parade line-up and staging will begin at 8:00 a.m., May 25, 2026, at the intersection of Memorial Drive and McFarlane Lane. All entries must be in position by 9:45 a.m. The only entry to the staging area is from the intersection of Memorial Drive and McFarlane Lane.
- All entries must check in upon arrival with the Parade Marshal and be directed to their assigned staging area. All entries must keep a representative with the entry at all times within the assigned staging area.
- The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.
- Parade participants are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous manner.
- All entries shall be in good taste and suitable for a family entertainment event.
- The Parade Marshall has the authority to remove any entry causing a delay, violating official parade rules, failing to cooperate, or deemed inappropriate of this community celebration.

- The Parade Marshal's decisions are final and binding.
- The use prior to and/or possession during the parade of any alcoholic beverage, by any unit/entry member, is strictly forbidden.
- Participants riding in vehicles or trailers must provide their own vehicles and drivers. Insurance and liability are required and are the sole responsibility of participants.
- Failure to follow the Parade Rules and Guidelines may result in your entry not being permitted to participate in this parade and your entry/group not being permitted to participate in the future.

Execution:

- The Parade will be held dependent upon the participation of the Central Bucks School District bands.
- **The following safety precautions shall be adhered to:**
 - There shall be no contact between moving vehicles, persons on moving vehicles, or parade participants and spectators.
 - There shall be no collection of donations by any unit during the parade.
 - There shall be no throwing of candy or other items from any parade entry to the spectators.
 - Riding participants shall not jump off and back on units/entries while the parade is in progress.
 - At least one adult must accompany all minors in a parade unit.
- The Parade Marshal will assign the position of each unit in the parade. Positions may be revised on the day of the parade at the discretion of the Parade Marshal. Under no circumstances shall any participant, unit or entry move to a different position within the parade line-up, before or during the parade, except under the direction of the Parade Marshal.
- The parade will be forward motion only. There shall be no stopping (for performances, demonstrations, exercises, etc.) or backward movement by any person or unit in the parade.
- All parade units shall maintain a distance of approximately 50 feet from the preceding unit. All units shall maintain their speed and position throughout the parade.
- All members of a parade unit must stay with that unit. There shall be no commingling or interfering with another unit in the parade.
- Animals in the parade must be listed on the application. All animals must have updated vaccinations and be in good medical health and be able to cope with crowds and other animals. The Borough of Doylestown will not be responsible for cleaning up after the animal. The participant will be responsible for the immediate clean up after the animal.
- For those entries that are permitted to play music, the sound level must not exceed a reasonable level. Your organization's music must not be so loud that it interferes with other parade entries.
- Smoking in the parade is prohibited.

Banners/Signs/Placards/Etc.:

- Walking units shall be limited to one identification banner to be carried at the unit's front.

- Banners shall be no larger than three (3) feet high and eight (8) feet wide.
- There shall be no advertising of any type.

Vehicles:

- All vehicles in the parade must have insurance as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Each driver must possess a valid driver's license and valid registration for the operation of the vehicle.
- All vehicles must have valid state inspections.
- Unsafe driving, including, but not limited to, speeds in excess of 10 m.p.h., swerving, or tire squealing is prohibited.
- All floats and trailers must use safety chains.
- All props on floats and trailers must be properly secured, braced, or tied down to prevent movement.
- All floats and trailers must provide adequate safety measures for all riders.

Questions about these Rules and Guidelines should be directed to the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade Marshal, Chris Suessenguth, at 267-408-0011 or via email at parademarshall@doylestownborough.net.



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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the Memorial Day Parade”), the _____ (the “Organization”) covenants to save and defend, hold harmless and indemnify Doylestown Borough and all of its agents, volunteers, employees, officers, directors, and elected officials from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, injuries, actions, judgements, awards, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney’s fees), charges or exposures, however caused resulting from or arising out of or in any way connected with the Memorial Day Parade. The undersigned asserts that he/she is authorized to act on behalf of the represented Organization.

Organization:

Name of Organization Official: _____

Title:

Organization Address: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Contact e-mail address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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