

The Bremerton Chamber of Commerce

proudly presents the

KITSAP CREDIT UNION ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE “SERVICE ABOVE AND BEYOND”

PRESENTED BY THE KITSAP SUN

10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 18, 2019
Bremerton, Washington

Entry Deadline: April 26, 2019

ENTRY FEES

1. Non-Profit Entries: Please include a \$25 check payable to Bremerton Chamber of Commerce (BCC) along with your completed application.
2. Commercial Entries: Please include a \$150 check payable to Bremerton Chamber of Commerce (BCC) along with your completed application.
3. There is no charge for military (active or reserve) units, veteran units, school bands or ROTC/Sea Cadet units.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries must be approved by the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Festival Committee. Entries will not be accepted from individuals, groups or organizations whose mission, agenda, or message is contradictory to the organizational mandate of the United States Armed Forces and federal law under which it operates.
2. Entries must observe all applicable rules and regulations and follow all instructions from law enforcement and parade officials. The Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade, either prior to assembly, at assembly, or any time during the parade.
3. Accepted entries will receive written approval in early May. This will include your assembly area, assembly time, map, and further instructions.
4. **No items may be handed out or thrown along the parade route for safety reasons.**
5. Only forward movement maneuvers are permitted by marching units. A spacing of 50 feet between each unit will be enforced. All units are required to close the gap between units when instructed by the parade officials.
6. All marching units must be in FULL UNIFORM, no out-of-uniform marchers will be allowed to accompany unit. Units MUST MAINTAIN A FORWARD MOTION; no stopping or reverse motion will be allowed on the route, other than a 45 second performance in front of the reviewing stand.
7. All units are required to have some form of patriotic decoration **and all narratives must include some reference to the military or Armed Forces Day.** Remember, this is a celebration for members presently serving in our Armed Forces.
8. A fire extinguisher is required on motorized entries.
9. No items may be sold along the parade route; vendor booth applications are available from the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Festival Committee. Vendors out of compliance will be removed from the parade route.
10. Parade participants may not mingle with or accost parade route spectators.
11. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float, in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade will be removed from the lineup.
12. Floats or other units advocating, opposing or depicting any political, social issues or endorsing candidates will not be authorized to participate in the Parade.
13. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses, lodging expenses, food, etc.
14. With the exception of people on floats and in vehicles, all parade participants must be 12 years of age or older.
15. Each parade entry is fully responsible to provide adequate insurance coverage and sign the Hold Harmless Agreement.
16. Parade lineup is in a residential area. Please stay on street, sidewalk or in the park.
17. Discharge of firearms is prohibited. Refer to Bremerton Municipal Code BMC 9A.24.160 Firearms.

FLOAT & TOWED DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS

1. Floats are not to exceed 13 1/2 feet in height and 16 feet in width. Maximum length is 60 feet per unit and a clearance to the ground from the frame is a minimum of 8 inches. The float must be so constructed that it will be able to make the turns at street intersections.
2. Sponsors must furnish drivers for their floats. If in view, drivers must be appropriately attired. Drivers must remain with their float until the parade is dispersed.
3. All participants standing on floats must be wearing a safety belt or have handholds while the float is moving. Floats that do not have safety belts or handholds will not be allowed in the parade. Safety belts must be worn on the outside of garments.

EQUESTRIAN UNIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Riders must be 14 years of age or older to participate.
2. No stallions.
3. Each rider or group must provide its own cleanup unit.
4. Equestrian units may disembark from their trailer when the unit's clean-up crew is on site.
5. Any rider, regardless of age, demonstrating an inability to control their animal will be removed from the Parade at the parade Marshal's discretion.

BAND & MARCHING UNIT REQUIREMENTS

1. A performance of no more than 45 seconds will be allowed in front of the main reviewing stand, however, judging will take place throughout the parade route.
2. If for any reason a gap of greater than 50 feet is created, bands must increase their pace to close the gap. You will not be asked to increase pace in front of judges.

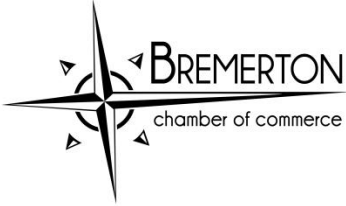
JUDGING CRITERIA

Judging criteria for all categories has been developed and is available upon request at chamber@bremertonchamber.org

PARADE AWARD CATEGORIES

1. GRAND MARSHAL'S AWARD (Best Military Unit - Active or Reserve)
2. ADMIRAL'S AWARD (Best Color Guard)
3. COMMANDER'S AWARD (Best JROTC/Sea Cadet Unit)
4. JOHN "BUD" HAWKE AWARD (Best Veterans Unit)
5. MAYOR'S AWARD (Best Towed Display/Float)
6. FESTIVAL AWARD (Judge's Choice)
7. AMBASSADOR'S AWARD (Best Military/Community/Other Band)
8. PEOPLE'S AWARD (Crowd Favorite)
9. HIGH SCHOOL BANDS (A)
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12. HIGH SCHOOL BANDS (AAAA)
13. HIGH SCHOOL DRUM MAJOR
14. HIGH SCHOOL FLAG CORPS
15. HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAMS
16. MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BANDS
17. MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FLAG CORPS
18. MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DRILL TEAMS
19. BEST COMMUNITY DRILL TEAM
20. BEST YOUTH ORGANIZATION
21. BEST CIVILIAN VEHICLE UNIT
22. BEST EQUESTRIAN UNIT
23. BEST VINTAGE MILITARY VEHICLE
24. BEST VINTAGE AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT
25. BEST MOTORCYCLE GROUP

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Military Band

Does your entry have a Color Guard

Yes No

Please check if entry is to be judged

Branch of Service _____

Name of Band _____

Individual in charge _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Cell phone () _____

E-mail address _____

Alternate Contact E-mail address _____

Total number of band participants _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy #: _____

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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I/we assume all risk of bodily injury or property damage that may occur while participating in the Kitsap Credit Union Annual Armed Forces Day Parade, presented by the Kitsap Sun. I/we hereby, for myself, my children, my heirs, executors, and administrators do hereby, expressly and forever, waive and release any and all claims against and agree to hold harmless the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce, City of Bremerton, and any Parade sponsor(s), and all their respective officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, or assigns of any kind from any and all claims which may be made for any cause whatsoever arising as a result of, or in connection with, this entry's participation in the herein mentioned event.

I/we understand that I/we are fully responsible for providing all insurance coverage for our parade entry.

Bremerton Chamber of Commerce hereby has all rights to make use of my/our name, logo, pictures and entry information for the use of televised broadcast and/or publication.

I/we understand that no child under 12 years of age may walk in the parade. _____
Initials

I/we understand that no child under 14 years of age may ride on a horse. _____
Initials

I/we understand that no items may be tossed to or handed to the crowd. _____
Initials

I/we understand that participants who engage in unacceptable behavior or violate any parade rule will be disqualified and not be invited to attend the following year's event. _____
Initials

Signature of Person Responsible for Entry

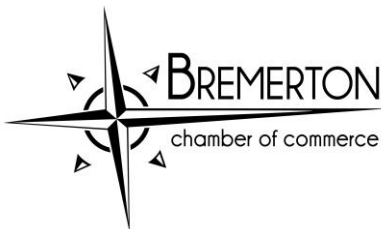
Print Name

Title

Date

Return form by **Friday, April 26, 2019** to:

Armed Forces Festival Committee
Bremerton Chamber of Commerce
286 Fourth Street
Bremerton, WA 98337
Fax: 360-479-1033



For additional information
contact 360-479-3579
chamber@bremertonchamber.org

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