

# 2025 DACULA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE OFFICIAL FLOAT ENTRY CONTEST RULES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

1. The following rules govern entries requesting to participate in the **Annual Dacula Memorial Day Parade** float contest and are in addition to the Official Parade Rules and Regulations.

2. Float contest categories are as follows:

## Best Parade Theme Float    \*\* \$100.00 Prize \*\*

Entries will be judged on:

- The incorporation of parade theme: ***They Answered the Call, They Paid the Price***
- Honor of a Fallen Hero or Veteran on the float
- Creativity and originality
- Display of the entries name
- Cleanliness and neatness of the area surrounding the entry in the staging area.

## Most Patriotic Float    \*\* \$100.00 Prize \*\*

Entries will be judged on:

- Display of Patriotism
- Honor of a Fallen Hero or Veteran on the float
- Creativity and originality
- Display of the entries name
- Cleanliness and neatness of the area surrounding the entry in the staging area.

## Announcement of Winners and Awards

Awards for Float contest winners will be announced and given to winners prior to the parade start in the staging area between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Monetary prizes may not compensate for the cost of the float, but it acts as an incentive to the creative minds of our community.

3. The "float" is defined as follows for the purposes of this contest is:

- Displays built on or around a trailer being towed manually or by motor vehicle
- Displays that are self-motorized or that are towed by a motor vehicle
- The display dimensions must not exceed fifteen (15) feet in width by fifteen (15) feet in height by thirty (30) feet in length at its greatest points.
- **NO SEMI TRUCK TYPE VEHICLES AND/OR TRAILERS ARE ALLOWED.**

4. The float contest line-up process and staging will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Hebron Baptist Church parking lot, located at 202 Hebron Church Road in Dacula. **Parade Marshals will direct you to the float contest judging location.**

**NOTE: All float entries competing in the Memorial Day Parade float contest must be in position and ready for judging by 8:15 a.m.**

5. Pulling units must be decorated and should be made as much a part of the float as possible. Undecorated pulling units will cause points to be deducted during judging.

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6. Floats must be decorated for a family atmosphere and constructed in a safe manner as well as not present a health or safety hazard to the entry participants or the general public.
7. Each float entry must display and include the following or will result in point deduction:
  - Honor of a Fallen Hero or Veteran
  - The incorporation of parade theme or Display of Patriotism whichever is applicable.
  - Entry name
8. All floats must have hand holds for all people who are standing on the float and secure/safe seating is required for all others riding upon the float.
9. **FLOAT JUDGING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8:15 a.m.** in the float contest staging area prior to the start of the parade. The float must be presented for judging as it will appear in the parade. There must be someone with the float entry at all times. If no one is with the float entry at the time of judging, it will be disqualified and not judged. The decision of the judges is final!
10. The completion of the float and the area surrounding the float must be cleaned up. Participants are responsible for disposal of any and all used or unused float materials.
11. Participants are NOT permitted to jump on and/or off the float entry during the parade, and floats should stay 25 feet behind the entry in front of them.
12. Failure to comply with the parade rules will result in entry member or entire entry removal from the parade.