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**Dear Parade Participants:** 

WELCOME TO THE 67TH ANNUAL SCS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE -

"THE BRAVE SOULS OF FREEDOM"

We're very happy to have you back with us again this year and if you're a first time participant...WELCOME!

As always, we have some guidelines that must be observed....it makes it much easier for us...and way easier for you! Please make sure you read and follow...it's important.

HORSES – If your entry includes horses you MUST have a clean-up crew immediately behind your entry. The group behind you will appreciate it~

CANDY TOSS – Please make every effort to get the candy to the curb. The children are so excited that they've been known to dive into oncoming traffic to grab a tiny piece of candy and unfortunately, there have been issues. They're not paying attention so you need to do that for them!

ARRIVAL – Our parade steps off at 1:00PM but because of all the necessary adjustments it's critical that you arrive before the roads close...12:15PM. This includes children that must be dropped off for band, scout groups, etc.

FLOATS/MOTORIZED ENTRIES - MUST be Patriotic Décor....we're honoring our Veterans and expect you will want to as well.

MUSIC – Again, Patriotic is the theme of the day.....please be respectful and observe it.

PARADE PROCESS – It's a very long parade so your cooperation in keeping the entry MOVING FORWARD AT ALL TIMES...is very much appreciated. The judging is located midway through the parade so stopping at the end isn't helpful.

RESPONSE – So that we can CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION in this year's event we ask that you please let us know that you've received your information by sending an email to: vincentcarr12@wowway.com If you aren't able to do that please call me at 586-944-2629

NEW THIS YEAR.... We are requiring that all entries check in at the staging area (9 Mile at Jefferson, next to Fishbones...there will be a sign.....when you arrive and check in you will receive an envelope with a number placard that must be displayed in your vehicle. If you're not a mobile outfit, we have pins that can be placed on the leading participant in the group. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND WILL HELP THE PARADE, AND YOUR GROUP, PROCEED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION.

We're extremely pleased that you're joining us again and if it's your first time....so very happy to have you!

On behalf of the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade Committee....welcome to the largest Memorial Day Parade in Michigan, The Midwest, and possibly Beyond!!

Cheryl Furdos Parade Director

Ph: 586-668-4311....please call with any questions!

## PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

We have a very large parade for 2019. The most important thing to remember is SAFETY.

Jefferson Avenue will be closed at Marter Rd, and 11 Mile Rd. at 12:15PM.

There will be barricades on Jefferson at 9, 10, Fresard, and 11 Mile Rd.

Additional closures include:

Southbound Jefferson at Martin Rd.

9 Mile Rd. at 9 Mack Drive (just East of Greater Mack)

10 Mile Rd. (eastbound) at Greater Mack

11 Mile Rd. (eastbound) at Greater Mack

11 Mile Rd. will remain open for WB traffic.

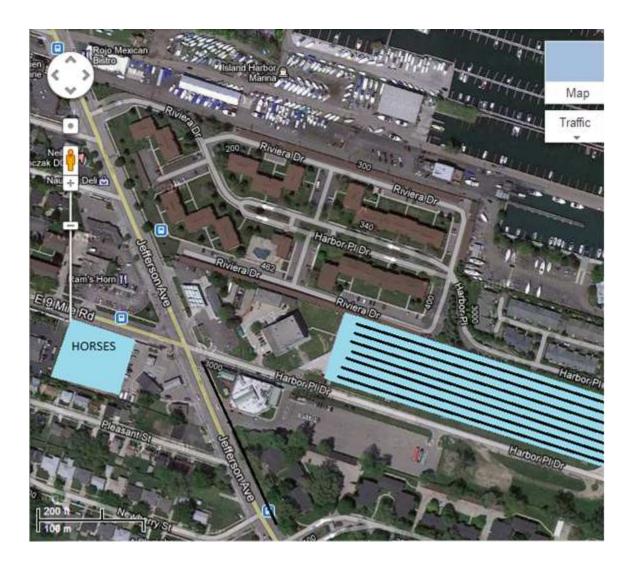
There will be cones in the turn-arounds so that vehicles cannot come back EB from WB 11 Mile or the side streets north of there.

Because of the size of our parade this year, we are asking that those with trailers, floats, or vehicles that are going to be driven in the parade, arrive at 10:00PM for placement in the line-up

The rest of the participants should arrive at 11AM

The goal is to have everyone in their spots by 12:00.

Remember, SAFETY, please take your time getting to the staging area for the Parade. We don't step off until 1:00PM so you will have time if you're running a little late.



The main staging area will be behind the Chapaton Pumping Station. (23001 East 9 Mile Road .....St. Clair Shores, MI 48080)

Once you are in your staging spot, please remain there. We need to be able to see who is staged, and who needs help getting in their spots.

Horses will be staged at Arthur J Gallagher & Co (22930 E 9 MILE RD)

We have secured the South Lake High School parking lot for participant parking but space is limited so please carpool with members of your group if possible.

The location is 21900 E. 9 Mile Rd. between Harper & Greater Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores

There will be shuttle busses running from So. Lake to the staging area beginning at 10:00 AM, approx. every 20 mins.

These same busses will return you to the parking lot. They will be located at the 40th District Court parking lot on the Northwest corner of 11 Mile & Jefferson.

Please proceed there immediately after exiting the Parade route.

## **PARADE EXIT**

At the end of the parade route participants will be asked to go west on 11 Mile towards Harper, or proceed straight down Jefferson to 12 Mile. The road will be open to traffic so we MUST keep the Parade moving. Please disperse as quickly and safely as possible.

Buses will be parked in the 40th District Court parking lot at the Northwest corner of 11 Mile and Jefferson. They will return to the So. Lake High School parking lot.

Those with vehicles/floats are asked to continue north down Jefferson toward 12 Mile and disperse from there.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR PARADE!

