



San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Inc.

November 11, 2026

August 31, 2026

Dear Veteran Participant(s):

In 2004, we worked together to inaugurate the first ever *San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade* on November 11, 2004. It was a great success as thousands of residents came out that day to pay tribute to America's heroes –the Veterans of our Armed Forces.

We are inviting you to participate in the *23rd Annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade, on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.*

By registering for the 2026 parade, you will make this event a great success as we honor you and the Veterans who served past and present. The *San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade* is important to the proud veterans and families from the San Fernando Valley.

VETERANS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY RIDE IN THIS PARADE

Check-in will begin @ **7:30am** & **close @10:30am SHARP**. The parade will **begin promptly @ 11:11 am** on the corner of Laurel Canyon Blvd. & San Fernando Mission Blvd. and proceed south on Laurel Canyon Blvd., and end at the Ritchie Valens Recreation Center, 10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima on the corner of Laurel Canyon Blvd & Paxton St)

A carnival will be held on Friday, November 6, (5pm to 10pm), Saturday, November 7, (2pm to 10pm) and Sunday, November 8, (2pm to 10pm) at the Ritchie Valens Recreation Center. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit the *San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Inc.* Please come out and support the Veterans Day weekend carnival.

Please submit a complete and signed parade entry application on or before Saturday, October 31, 2026. Please make copies of the attached San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade application that is provided (must use this application). **Modified applications will NOT be ACCEPTED.** We are required to have each parade participant complete the parade application and sign the "Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risks, and Indemnity and Parental Consent Agreement." Please read the "**2026 Rules and Regulations**" (on the back) of this letter. **Drivers must have a valid driver's license, and your vehicle must carry evidence of insurance while traveling on the parade route during the Veterans Day Parade.**

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Parade Director Fred A. Flores at (818) 645-5699 or by email at fred.flores29@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Fred A. Flores, USMC 78-89

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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY VETERANS DAY PARADE

2026 Rules & Regulations

All participants AGREE to adhere to the L.A. County Department of Public Health orders in place during the 2026 San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade.

- 1. VETERANS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS CAN RIDE IN THE VETERANS DAY PARADE.**
- 2. IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ARE DEFINED AS; DAD, MOM, HUSBAND, WIFE, SON, DAUGHTER, GRANDSON, GRANDDAUGHTER, GREAT GRANDSON, GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER CAN RIDE IN THE PARADE WITH THEIR VETERAN.**
- 3. The Parade Staging Director will space each unit at the start of the parade. HOLD THS FORMATION!**
- 4 NO STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE VIP/REVIEW STAND.**
- 5. Any entries consisting solely of or expressing political viewpoints, or causes will not be allowed.**
- 6. No objects are to be thrown from any vehicle or by marchers. The distribution of literature, samples, fruit, candy or gifts of any kind is strictly forbidden. This will result in immediate removal from the parade. (City regulations forbid the throwing/tossing of materials from parade entries to spectators),**
- 7. Floats: All floats must meet LA City Fire Departments maximum safety requirements per SECS7.22.05 LA Municipal Code below. Parade floats using decorative materials attached to vehicles shall be constructed of non-combustible or flame-retardant materials and shall be safeguarded against open flame in accordance with the provisions of this section.**
 - A. All float decorations shall be flame retardant, flame retardant treated, or non-Combustible if of 1/8-inch or less. The use of materials treated with tar or petroleum base flammable products or surfaced or covered with lacquers, highly flammable paints, cellophane, and similar materials are prohibited. Paper, cloth, textiles, and vegetation which may occasion or a fire hazard, shall be rendered flame retardant.**
 - B. The use of open flame devices is prohibited unless approval in writing by the Chief. Smoke producing devices must be of the non-heating type.**
 - C. Exhaust pipes shall be extended beyond the display area and shall be properly protected.**
 - D. Parade Floats shall have a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum of 2A, 10B:C rating. The extinguisher shall be readily accessible to the operator.**
- 8. Drivers must have a valid driver's license and your vehicle must carry evidence of insurance while traveling on the parade route during the Veterans Day Parade. It is understood that all groups and individual parade participants/entrants, vehicles, animal groups, equestrian units, floats including but not limited to subcontractors and vendors will provide "A Certificate of Insurance" Naming San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Inc. as an additional insured.**
- 9. There should be no riders on vehicles or on parts of vehicles not designed for passengers (such as fenders or hoods.)**
- 10. San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Inc., planning committee reserves the right to refuse any application or unit entry. EXCEPT for SCHOOL BANDS, SCHOOL MARCHING COLOR GUARDS and DRILL TEAMS, SCHOOL JROTC UNITS, and YOUTH MILITARY UNITS (ie...Naval Sea Cadets, CA Cadet corps, & Jr. Marines) NON-VETERAN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**
- 11. The parade committee accepts no responsibility for improper or false statements made by parade entrants.**
- 12. The parade committee's decision on entry acceptance is final. Rule waivers must be approved by the committee at least one week prior to the parade.**
- 13. Violation of parade rules or governmental regulations will subject entry to immediate disqualification and removal from parade.**
- 14. The parade is limited to the streets shown on the MAP enclosed. Please do not leave this route.**
- 15. Public address systems are encouraged for music purposes only; it must not interfere with other units.**
- 16. Any unit not in by 10:30 a.m. will be put at the end of the parade. The parade will begin promptly at 11:11am. SHARP All units are required to carry an identification number and must be displayed at all times on the right side of the unit.**



San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade 2026 VETERAN Participant Application

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Name _____ Rank _____
Branch of Service: US Army ☐ US Marine Corps ☐ US Navy ☐ US Air Force ☐ US Space Force ☐ US Coast Guard ☐
Address: _____
Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____
Period of Service: _____ Type of Entry: March/Walk ☐ Equestrian ☐ Flatbed ☐ Car ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle ☐
YR (ie...1968) to YR (ie...1972) _____
Vehicle Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ No. of Feet required for line-up _____
ERA: _____
World War II (1941 - 1945) ☐ Korean War (1950 - 1953) ☐ Cold War (1945 - 1991) ☐ Vietnam War (1962 - 1973) ☐
Operation Urgent Fury Oct 25, 1983 – Oct 29, 1983 ☐ Desert Storm (January 17, 1991 – February 24, 1991) ☐
Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF; March 20, 2003 – December 15, 2011) ☐ Other ☐ _____
Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF; October 7, 2001 – December 31, 2014) ☐
Veteran Entry: _____
Family Members YES ☐ [List Veterans or Family Members Below Riding in this entry] or NO ☐ No. of Participants in entry _____

Please provide an accurate description (BELOW) of your entry so we may introduce your entry to the parade viewers.

PLEASE NOTE: The San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade Inc. is committed to placing every VETERAN in the appropriate vehicle available. Thank you for your understanding.

Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity and Parental Consent Agreement

I am a Veteran and I understand I am providing the necessary protected personal information to participate in the San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade, I/we agree to adhere to the most recent LA County Department of Public Health COVID-19 orders while I/we participate in the PARADE. I understand the nature of parade events and that I and/or my minor child are qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity and upon which traffic hazards are to be expected. I acknowledge that if I and/or my minor child believe event conditions are unsafe I and/or my minor child will immediately discontinue participation in the San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade.

I fully understand that the parade event involves risks of bodily injury, which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, those of others participating in the event, the conditions in which the event take place, or the negligence of the "releases" named below, and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I full accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages I and/or my minor child incur as a result of my and/or my minor child's participation in the event.

I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade, its respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, and sponsors advertisers. And, if applicable, owners and lesser of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "releases" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk I, or anyone on my and/or my minor child behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releases from any loss, liability damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I have read this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT, I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement of assurance of any nature and intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect. **I attest drivers must have a valid driver's license and all vehicles must carry evidence of insurance while traveling on the parade route during the SFV Veterans Day Parade.**

☐ I am at least 18 Years of age and have read and understand the above.
in the 2023 San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade.

☐ I am under 18 years of age. My Parent or legal guardian has read/understand all the above
and is signing my consent to participate in the 2023 San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade



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Dear Parade Participant (s):

This letter serves as your **CONFIRMATION** for your entry's participation in the **23rd Annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade**.

THE PARADE WILL PROMPTLY BEGIN 11:11am, November 11, 2026

PARADE ROUTE: The parade will begin at the corner of **Laurel Canyon Blvd. and San Fernando Mission Blvd in Mission Hills** and will proceed south on Laurel Canyon Blvd. for 1.1 miles and end at Paxton Street in Pacoima.

PLEASE REVIEW THE ENCLOSED MAP AND FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- **Fire Trucks, LAV's, Humvees, Private Vehicle's and Floats** enter the parade staging area from Rinaldi Street at Laurel Canyon Boulevard.
- **Bands** enter the parade staging area from Sepulveda Blvd. to San Fernando Mission Blvd. at Sharp Ave. **Parade Staff** will meet and escort your band to the assigned area.
- **Oldie Cars/Car Clubs** will enter the parade staging area from San Fernando Rd. to San Fernando Mission Blvd. at Acala Ave where they will receive their parade packets from Parade Volunteers assigned in that area.
- **Participants** not driving a Fire Truck, not driving a LAV, not driving their own Private Vehicle but are walking, or part of an ROTC group or riding on a Float; they must park at **lot 2 (located on map)** and adjacent streets. It is strongly recommended participants carpool and arrive early at the limited parking lot.
- **Handicapped parking**  will be available at the Ritchie Valens Recreation Center, at 10736 Laurel Canyon Boulevard Pacoima, CA 91331 in **lot 1 (see map)**. Once parked, please make your way over to the front of the Ritchie Valens Recreation Center where a **shuttle will transport participants to the designated staging area starting at 8:15am. Last shuttle departs at 10:15am.**
- **CHECK-IN** will begin at **7:30 am** and will close at **10:30 am SHARP**. Parade Volunteers will meet Parade Pre-Registered Applicants at the entrance of the staging area (in front of Carl's Jr. restaurant) with their parade packet containing:
 1. **Entry Identification Number** placed on the **right side** of the entry/unit.
 2. One ticket for each Veteran participant that is redeemable for a commemorative T-shirt and pin.

• Same day parade applicants will line-up on the right lane in front of Carl's Jr. Restaurant where a Parade Volunteer will register the Veteran.

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