



# Ruskin Memorial VFW Post #6287



## Veteran's Day Parade Saturday – November 11, 2023 – 11:00 am

Entry's / Organization's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### INFORMATION AND TYPE OF ENTRY

Please complete all items applicable so your entry will be appropriately placed in the parade

**FLOAT:** \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions of float AND tow together Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

**Musical Group:** Number of participants in entry \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse Group:** Number of participants in entry \_\_\_\_\_ (POOPER SCOOPER IS REQUIRED)

**Walking Group:** Number of participants in entry (no vehicles) \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Entry** (Van, Car, Truck, Motorcycle) \_\_\_\_\_

**Other** (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete if music / sound is part of ANY entry. What is the music source i.e. (tape, live, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the type of music played (rock, country, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

As we will once again have a Master of Ceremony available at the Judges Stand to announce each entry, please provide us with a brief description of your entry (name, business/ organization, charity or any other information you would like the attendees, judges and other participants to know about your company/organization, etc.)

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 23 2022**    **CAPTAIN'S MEETINGS: October 3, 2023**  
**October 24, 2023**  
**You Must attend one Captain's Meeting**



**INSURANCE:** All motor driven units must provide proof of insurance. The Ruskin Memorial VFW Post 6287 is not liable for any accident or injury incurred as a result of participation in the parade or in any of the events prior to or following the parade.

**Cost:** Any organization, business or individual interested in promoting patriotism and celebrating our veterans are invited to participate at NO cost.

**SAFETY / SECURITY:** Please read the parade rules below and share the information with all members of your organization to ensure a safe and fun parade for everyone.

1. Our parade permit is for a **ROLLING PARADE ONLY**. All parade participants must keep moving and not stop for any kind of demonstration of their skills, entry or group.
2. Avoid any large gaps between other groups of participants and strive to maintain an evenly spaced, continuously moving parade.
3. Throwing beads and candy is permitted; however, they must be thrown only to the east side (right hand side) and over the barricades or onto the sidewalk area to prevent anyone from going in the street to pick up any items. No beads or candy are to be thrown into the median strip or to the west side (left hand side) of the parade route into the south/north bound traffic lanes.
4. Out-riders or security escorts are encouraged for motorized entries and all youth groups.
5. Each entry will receive an entry number which will determine their placement in the staging and parade route as well as be used for recognition by the Master of Ceremony and the panel of judges. This number must be predominately displayed on the right hand side near the front of any vehicle or person. Duplicate numbers can be provided for multiple vehicles.
6. Be lined up in your assigned position well in advance of the start time as the parade kicks off promptly at **11:00am November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.
7. When turning off Highway 41 into the parking lot you must keep moving all the way into your designated staging area so the rest of the parade is not standing idle or blocking the procession behind it. **There will two Captain's Meeting in October (see the information below) you will receive a map with your assigned entry number and staging area information. It is MANDATORY for a representative for your group to attend on of the two meetings to ensure complete understanding or assignment information.**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME** back to VFW Post 6287 following the parade for the awards ceremony, food, music and ongoing festivities.

**TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN TO:** Becky Kieffer [bkiso2012@gmail.com](mailto:bkiso2012@gmail.com) or Pat Barr (719)963-3369 [cmd@vfw6287.org](mailto:cmd@vfw6287.org) , Ruskin VFW Post #6287 5120 U.S. Hwy 41 N Apollo Beach, FL 33572, to the attention of Becky Kieffer or Pat Barr. To ensure inclusion in the line-up the **APPLICATION DEADLINE is September 23, 2023**

**CAPTAIN'S MEETING** will be held at **7:00 pm on October 3, 2023 and October 24, 2023 at Ruskin VFW Post 6287 5120 U.S. Hwy 41 Apollo Beach FL. 33572 It is mandatory a representative from each group attend the one of the 2 Captain meetings to ask questions, receive their assigned number, time for line-up prior to the parade, a map of the parade route, etc.**

**SPONSORS and/or DONATIONS** are greatly accepted and very much appreciated to help defray the cost of the event. Each year we spend thousands of dollars for permitting, barricades, street closures, sheriff office personnel, advertising, etc. to bring this FREE annual event to the South Shore communities and to honor our Veterans. All sponsors and /or donations will be included in all media and promotional materials as well as receiving recognition at the awards ceremony following the parade. Ask for additional information on how you can help ensure that we can continue to bring this annual parade to the South Shore communities. Should you decide to make a donation by check please make payable to the Ruskin VFW Post 6287 and earmarked "Veteran's Day Parade and attach to this entry application. Donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ attached.

Proceeds from this event are used to support the Ruskin VFW Post 6287, Veterans and active military personnel and their families as well as the VFW Veterans Home, VFW Children's Home, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Operation Shoe Box, Senior Center, R.O.T.C. and many other local programs and charities. Thank you for helping honor our **American Heroes**.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **VISA & MASTER CARD ACCEPTED**