

VETERANS DAY PARADE APPLICATION

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Staging @ 9:00am - Parade Starts @ 11:00am



All Applicants must read and agree to abide by the attached Veteran's Day Parade Rules & Regulations and sign this application in order to participate in the parade. Applications due October 30, 2026 @ 3:00 PM.

☐ *Office Use Only*

Date Application Received

D	D	M	M	Y	Y

Name of Applicant	:				
Contact Person	:				
Phone	:		Email	:	
Full Address	:				
City/ State	:		Zip Code	:	
Alternate Contact	:		Phone	:	

☐ Mark the category that best describes entry

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| ☐ Military/ Veteran Organization | ☐ Commercial/ Business | ☐ Antique/ Classic Auto | ☐ Equestrian Unit (must provide own clean up) |
| ☐ Non-Profit Organization | ☐ Marching Band | ☐ Government Agency | |
| ☐ Other (explain) | | | |

☐ Large Groups/ Auto Groups

Total # of Vehicles : Vehicle Type :

IMPORTANT: Maximum Number of Vehicles per car group is 10. Any amount over 10 will NOT be placed.
Copy of vehicle insurance must be provided.

Total # of Walkers :

Float Dimensions :

☐ Fees Once application is accepted by the organizers, fees will be collected. Fees are non-refundable.

Non- profit registered before October 23, 2026- \$5 (must provide 501c3 certificate)

Non-Profit registered October 23rd-October 30th - \$10

Commercial/Business/Other registered before October 23, 2026 - \$25

Commercial/Business/Other registered October 23rd-October 30th- \$30

RETURN APPLICATIONS BY MAIL OR EMAIL

Attn: Special Events
1015 Cultural Park Blvd
Cape Coral, FL 33990

SEclerk@capecoral.gov

239-573-3123

VETERANS DAY PARADE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Applications due October 30th, 2026 @ 3:00 PM



The rules and regulations are for the safety and quality of the parade. Failure to abide by these rules and regulations and those presented with the parade information packet, can result in the entry's removal from the parade at any time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT AND SELECTIONS:

- The entry application form must be completed and signed with understanding of the general rules and guidelines by October 30th, 2026 at 3:00pm.
- The parade organizers reserve the right to reject any application or entry at any time.
- Veterans' groups are preferred.
- Applicants will receive notification of their acceptance by October 30th, 2026 at 4:30pm.
- Staging instructions will be emailed the week of the parade. Do NOT call or email about staging number, those will be given the morning of the parade at check-in time.
- Large groups must arrive at once. Please gather your group at 4820 Leonard St. prior to checking-in. Then travel to the staging area entrance.
- Parade participants will not be allowed into the staging area after 10:30am.
- No Applicants shall be selected to participate in the parade in order to campaign for any office or promote a political position or ballot proposal.
- All participants in the parade are required to comply with police office instruction at all times.
- You will be asked to provide a Cape Coral Business Tax Receipt if you are accepted.

WALKING GROUPS

- Walking Groups must provide their own water
- Groups are limited to 50 walkers.

FLOATS:

- Floats cannot exceed 50 feet in length (including tow vehicle), 15 feet in height and 10 feet wide.
- All passengers standing or sitting on the float MUST be wearing a safety belt or have handholds or other support while the float is moving.
- Floats must be constructed of fire-safe materials and must carry a fire extinguisher.
- Appropriate area for vehicle exhaust must be designed into the float/unit.

VEHICLES:

- Vehicles permitted in the parade will be restricted in numbers, no more than 5 car clubs and clubs are limited 10 cars per club.
- Drivers must be able to have a clear view of the front of the vehicle.
- All vehicles must be properly insured and drivers must have a valid driver's license. Proof of insurance must be provided with this application.

MARCHING BANDS UNITS:

- Musical units are requested to perform the one-mile parade route.
- Unit members are required to be in uniformed attire.
- Current Lee County Schools in the area will be invited to participate in the parade at no cost.

SPECIALTY UNITS: (Color Guards, Drill/Dance/Baton, Scout Groups, Equestrian Units)

- Entries requiring vehicles to carry sound systems must notify parade organizers on the application.
- Carts or vehicles accompanying the entry must be decorated.
- Drill / Dance routines must be choreographed for forward motion. No stopping to perform except for the grandstand area.

VETERANS DAY PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Applications due October 30th, 2026 @ 3:00 PM



SPECIAL GUESTS / DIGNITARIES:

- **ELECTION/ISSUE CAMPAIGNING:** NO participant in the parade may advocate, oppose, or depict any political, religious, social, or other ballot, political issue, or candidate. The City of Cape Coral Veteran's Day Parade will not permit itself to be used as a platform or advertising vehicle for any candidate or issue.
- No election signs depicting political issue or candidate advertising may be displayed. Participants discovered to have political issue or advertising, or to be distributing political advertising along the route, will be removed from the line-up. Currently serving elected officials who represent the Cape Coral area will be invited to ride in the parade with signs that identify only their current status, however, they may not campaign for re-election, or for another office, nor may they display or distribute electioneering materials or election shirts on the Parade Route.

☐ By checking this box, I hereby acknowledge and agree that that I, and all members of my group participating in the parade, shall at all times comply with the above terms and understand that the failure to do so shall result in the immediate removal from participating in the parade line-up and a 1 year ban from participation.

PARTICIPANT AGE RESTRICTIONS:

- Walking participants must be at least six years old or older
- There must be a least one adult escort for every ten children under the age of 13 years.
- Young children riding on a float must have adult supervision with and around them.

Breaking any of the following safety protocols will subject units to immediate removal from the Parade. Units removed from the parade will not be permitted into the parade line up the following year:

- DO NOT USE AIR HORNS. Air horns may not be used by any unit in the parade.
- DO NOT THROW CANDY. Throwing of any candy, merchandise or other items is prohibited. Items must be handed to spectators.
- DO NOT interfere in any way with other units.
- Comply with ALL event organizers requests.
- DO NOT drink any alcoholic beverages in the staging area, or along the route. ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED.
- Equestrian Units MUST have a Pooper Scooper.
- DO NOT Jump on or OFF any moving float or vehicle.

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: OCTOBER 30th, 2026 at 3:00pm

NOTE: All entries will be evaluated by the City of Cape Coral prior to the date of the parade for compliance with the parade rules. The City of Cape Coral reserves the right to reject any application from participation based upon non-compliance with the parade rules & regulations. The sale of products or fundraising of any kind shall not be conducted along the parade route.

WAIVER: I, the undersigned, and the above listed contact in consideration for participation in the parade agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Cape Coral, its agents, employees, officers, servants, volunteers, and any and all other associates from and against and all actions, in law or in equity, from liability or claims for damages, demands or judgements to any person or property which may result now or in the future and arising from participation in this event/activity. I understand that this waiver includes any claims based on negligence, action or inaction of any of the parties. I, the undersigned, further agrees that the foregoing release, waiver, and the indemnify agreement is intended to be broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Florida, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I, the undersigned, will be responsible for all payments due to the city. I have read the 3-page Veteran's Day Parade Application Rules and Regulations packet and will be responsible for the adherence to the rules and regulations listed therein. I hereby authorize the use of any photographs, videos, or other materials related to the event for publicity, promotion, or new purpose.

Signature :

☐ ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL

By checking this box, typing your name in the Applicant Signature field above, and submitting this form electronically, you affirm that all information contained within this document was completed truthfully, and to the best of your knowledge and you understand that your electronic signature is considered legally binding the same as signing your physical signature in hand.