



Attn: 2023-2024 Department Commander/President and 2024-2025 Department Commander/President

In preparation for the VFW Patriotic Celebration March on Tuesday, July 30, at the Kentucky International Convention Center, all participants are requested to be in position in the designated area by 5:30 p.m. in Hall AB.

Commander-in-Chief Duane Sarmiento has requested that his team of Department Commanders and Presidents march as a group in the parade just behind the VFW National Officers and Council Members. (The Department Presidents will march in a group just behind the VFW Auxiliary National Officers and Council Members.) This will give you the opportunity to salute the Commander-in-Chief and National President whom you served in 2023–2024.

All 2024-2025 participants, including your color guard which are welcome, but not mandatory, are requested to be in position, in the designated area, for the lineup.

All participants are welcome and encouraged to dress “Patriotic.” (Please dress accordingly to the local weather and make sure your members are well hydrated. There will be water available on the premises for the marchers.)

The parade order is based on the membership numerical gain or loss of your department as of June 30, 2024. There will be a sign with your state’s name on it located in the assembly area, Tuesday, July 30, 5:15 p.m., indicating your department’s position in the Patriotic March.

#### General VFW Patriotic March Rules

1. All persons are requested to be in position by 5:30 p.m. in the staging area, in Hall AB.
2. In order to meet a set time schedule, the march must start at 6:00 p.m.
3. Distance between each unit is approximately twenty paces.
4. The Department Commander and President will pass in review. The Commander-in-Chief and National President will review the Parade.
5. Have fun!!!

If you have any questions concerning the Patriotic March, contact me at VFW National Headquarters via 816.968.1116 or [lrolf@vfw.org](mailto:lrolf@vfw.org) <<mailto:lrolf@vfw.org>> .

See you in Louisville,

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