

PUBLIC CEREMONIES AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE
PARTICIPATION CRITERIA FOR THE PATRIOTS' DAY PARADE

The theme and purpose of the Patriots' Day parade is to commemorate the events that took place in Concord on April 19, 1775, the beginning of a war in which former British subjects fought and died to give us the gift of the freedom and independence we enjoy today. It is their determination and sacrifice that the Town of Concord celebrates on Patriots' Day. It is a uniquely patriotic and American occasion which recognizes the role played by the Town of Concord in American history.

In keeping with this purpose, we seek to include the following in the Parade:

1. HONORED CITIZENS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED TOWN, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S. OFFICIALS, AND FOREIGN DIGNATARIES
2. TOWN OF CONCORD COLOR GUARDS
3. COLOR GUARDS FROM U.S. MILITARY SERVICES
4. MARCHING UNITS REPRESENTING U.S. MILITARY SERVICES INCLUDING VETERANS
5. UNITS FROM FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES (E.G. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, MASS. MARITIME ACADEMY)
6. SCHOOL AND COLLEGE MARCHING BANDS
7. U.S. MILITARY MARCHING BANDS
8. OTHER MARCHING BANDS
9. COLONIAL FIFE AND DRUM CORPS
10. REVOLUTIONARY MINUTEMAN MARCHING AND MUSICAL UNITS
11. ORGANIZED RE-ENACTOR UNITS REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND CIVIL WAR, AND PARTICIPATION IN WWI AND WWII, ETC.
12. CONCORD YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (SCOUTS, 4-H, ETC.)
13. LOCAL BRANCHES OF SERVICE AND HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS (ROTARY, LIONS, DAR, AMERICAN LEGION, VFW, ETC.)
14. CONCORD TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

15. OTHER MARCHING UNITS THAT ARE DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE TO ADD HISTORICAL OR ENTERTAINMENT VALUE TO THE PARADE

PARTICIPATION IN THE PARADE AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE UNITS IS IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE AS SET FORTH IN ITS CHARGE FROM THE SELECT BOARD. IN GENERAL, THE PARADE WILL NOT INCLUDE UNITS WHICH TO ANY DEGREE ARE POLITICAL OR COMMERCIAL IN NATURE.

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTICIPATION IS SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE REVIEW OF APPROPRIATENESS, COMPLIANCE WITH TOWN REGULATIONS AND POLICIES, AND COMPLETION OF REQUIRED AGREEMENTS, WAIVERS AND CONSENTS.