

58th Annual Auburn Veterans Day Parade – Committee Notes-talking points

Parade History: Auburn has hosted the Veterans Parade since 1965. Now in its 58th year, the parade has grown into one of the largest parades of its kind in the United States of America.

Parade MARCHING UNIT Details

We invite all interested Chapters to participate.

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Mary Ball Chapter, NSDAR

DAR Parade Unit **“Women Serving America throughout History”**

Background: American Women since Colonial days have served America in many ways serving the cause of freedom. Women have given support to the military well before women were officially accepted into official military service. Women fought for the right of all women to vote in elections. Women of DAR, since 1890 have continued strong in service to America!



- **Place: Auburn Washington**
- **Date: November 11, 2023**
- **Parking: Free parking** is available in covered parking garages downtown off Main St.
- **Time to arrive to form unit: NOT LATER THAN 10:30 AM** (Unit Leader check in time is 9:30-10:00 am.)
- **Location to Meet-up:** At the Corner of Main and [TBD] Street (we are assigned a street corner, and the location will be communicated later).

The parade route travels along **Main Street** from E Street to A Street NW/SW, in Auburn Washington

This event is Rain or Shine. Clear rain ponchos are a backup suggestion if raining. Suggest warm walking shoes. The parade route is flat and the distance is only about a mile along Main Street.

DAR Parade Unit Notes:

- Regents: Your Chapter Name Parade Banners can be included.
 - All Chapter Banners will be walking together as one line at the head of the unit with Colonials.
- Ladies in Costumes will be placed in rows by era, so chapter members will be mixed in the unit walking together by their outfit theme/era.
- Chapters that all come as one theme and era can walk in the assigned line together!
- We will start with Colonial era and move back through the ages, the last row will be TODAY's DAR! Ladies in patriotic colors and wearing DAR gear (can carry little flags, Committee signs, etc.)

NO HANDOUTS are permitted: “No materials (gifts, candy, merchandise, literature, bubbles or other) may be handed out or thrown from participants in the parade. This policy will be strictly enforced.”

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT so we know who is coming and we can plan for you. Send an email to the Lead shown above BEFORE September 31st.

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“Women In Service to America Throughout History” Parade Unit

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“Women Serving America Throughout History”

Parade column consists of several rows of women each representing a different era in American history.

Costumes idea to get you started ...please **Google each era noted below to see examples images including many possible costume variations of uniforms, outfits and accessories.**



WWII Workers (Boeing) Riveters

The Parade Unit will consist of our ladies walking together in rows by eras, Colonial to modern:

- Row 1. Colonial Women! This line will be carrying the Chapter DAR banner from each chapter if so desired, but is not required.
 - All Chapters who sign up by September 31 and walk in the parade will have their chapter name included in the Parade day announcement and in any Publicity announcements.
- Row 2. Civil War- Nurses and Spanish/American War- DAR Hospital Corps 1892;
- Row 3. 100 years of Suffragettes ...can carry signs “Votes for Women”...
- Row 4. Nurse Corps WW1 - Hello girls, Stenos, Cryptographers, Yeomen...
- Row 5. WW2, and beyond women in military, ordnance workers, Rosie the Riveter, USO Volunteers...
- Row 6. Modern day women! – US Military all branches, judge, scientist, pilots, doctor, teacher, and astronaut, just to name a few ideas...
- ...and of course Today’s DAR! Wearing DAR logos, and various Committee work, or can carry signs i.e. “Patriotism” “Education” “Historic Preservation”...
- Modern vehicles carrying a few members will follow at the rear. All vehicles must have the DAR Logo on them. Space for vehicles in the unit is limited, Mary Ball has a vintage car up front, and Lakota has claimed one spot in the back for a modern car with riders. Limited to one or possibly two more, first come first claimed by September 31.



We would love to have good representation of women serving in all American decades!



WWI Yeoman (Navy)



DAR Hospital Corps

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