



# LITTLE NECK DOUGLASTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. Flags & Color - Protocols

These bylaws incorporate Title 36, Chapter 10, paragraph 175 and 176 of the U.S. Code.

1. **All participating groups shall display the flag of the United States.**
2. No flag of the United States carried in the Parade shall be or have been defaced, damaged or otherwise handled or displayed in a manner deemed inappropriate by Parade Officials.
3. Any other flag, banner, or pennant carried on other than a horizontal holder shall be cased or furled, except:
  - a. Official State Flags of the United States.
  - b. Official Flags of the United States Coast Guard, the United States Armed Forces, State Militia, or National Guard units which have been called into service of the United States, or United States Merchant Marine.
  - c. Battle Colors of military units.
  - d. Flags of countries allied to the United States in time of war or conflict, or occupied by enemies of the United States or its Allies, in which the United States combat forces fought or were stationed during the war or conflict.
4. Any flag, banner or pennant representing the Confederate States of America, the States and or military thereof, or any other battle colors of any unit or group bearing arms against the United States shall be trailed, or be carried as near to horizontal as practical in the opinion of the Parade Officials.
5. Any person, persons or groups refusing to comply with these provisions may be ordered from the Line of March, and shall comply.
6. The Parade Association's Chairs, their specific designee(s), Operations Chief, their designee (s), Division Commander, their designee(s), respectively, at the scene, shall be considered the final authority in settling disputes arising under this provision.
7. If any provision of this section shall be found to contravene the laws of the United States or the State of New York in a court of final jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in force.

### II. Rules of Conduct

**The Little Neck Douglaston Memorial Day Parade is a non-commercial, non-partisan event for the purpose of saluting our Veterans and War Dead.** □ No commercial solicitation or advertisement of any kind will be allowed in the Line of March or its environs.

- **No campaign or electoral solicitation, for or against any candidate, office holder, slate of candidates or political party of any kind will be in the Line of March or its environs.**
- No signage, banner, sashes, paraphernalia, not in compliance with the rules of this association will be allowed.
- Commercial establishments, individuals, and associations may encourage honor and tribute to our Veterans and War Dead, and participation in our democratic process generally.

- If in the opinion of the Parade Association, any individual, association or item is in violation of our rules, it and or they will be removed at our sole discretion.

### **III. Vehicle/Float Guidelines for all Floats, Cars and Motorcycles**

#### **All Vehicles:**

- **Must be registered, insured and have an adult, licensed driver at the wheel.** Special vehicles, i.e., tractors, vintage military vehicles, etc. will be permitted without registration ONLY with prior permission of the Association. Drivers must have license, proof of insurance and registration available for inspection by the NYPD and/or the Parade Association Staff during the parade.
- The vehicles must have some form of decoration befitting Memorial Day. Those used for transportation of Honorees and Veterans will be provided with door signs (if required) so spectators will know who is in the vehicles.
- Any vehicle/decoration deemed inappropriate by the Parade Committee will not be allowed in the line of March.
- Motorcycles will be permitted in the parade as a group ONLY..... Unless permission has been granted by the association on a case by case basis.
- Vehicle drivers are requested to wear a collared shirt and dress appropriately for the occasion.
- If you have agreed to transport any Honoree, etc., please be at your assigned location by 1 PM on parade day.

#### **New York State Penal Law**

##### § 240.20 Disorderly conduct.

A person is guilty of disorderly conduct when, with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof:

1. He engages in fighting or in violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior; or
2. He makes unreasonable noise; or
3. In a public place, he uses abusive or obscene language, or makes an obscene gesture; or
4. **Without lawful authority, he disturbs any lawful assembly or meeting of persons;** or
5. He obstructs vehicular or pedestrian traffic; or
6. He congregates with other persons in a public place and refuses to comply with a lawful order of the police to disperse; or
7. He creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose.