

March 6, 2017

This communication is to announce Mishawaka's 68th annual Memorial Day Parade, which will be held on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 9:30 AM. As you know, this day is set aside to honor all those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the wars of our nation, and to those who have served to preserve this cause. We would like all entries to reference the parade theme. The theme for the 2017 Memorial Day Parade will be "**In Memory Of Many - In Honor Of All**".

The use of flags, bunting and other appropriate decorations on cars, floats, etc. is encouraged. Last year there were entries that did not display so much as a flag on their entries.

We, in the Princess City, are proud of our reputation for having one of the finest parades in the state. The Mishawaka Memorial Day Parade Committee extends an invitation to you to be a part of this parade.

Our by-laws state:

- a) Only city officials currently serving may be allowed to participate in the parade. Any other official must be by invitation from the Board of Directors.
- b) No banners, placards, or any other form of reference to suggest choice of political party or candidate will be allowed.
- c) There will be no sales promotion signs, banners, placards or handouts in the parade. Float identification logos, business and/or organization names are acceptable.
- d) **We reserve the right to refuse entry for any violation of these by-laws, or those we determine may show any disrespect to our cause.**

IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY TO THE CHILDREN WATCHING THE PARADE
WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENFORCE THE **NO CANDY RULE** THIS YEAR

To ensure your group is recognized in the official parade program, your entry must be received no later than May 10, 2017. Acknowledgment of your entry, together with the official program and your line-up position will be mailed (or electronically transmitted) to you after the completion of the parade plans. Enclosed for your convenience are the Official Parade Entry Form. **Absolutely no one will be allowed to participate if the Official Entry form is not filled out and returned as directed.**

THE ATTACHED FORM CAN ALSO BE FILLED OUT AND SENT ELECTRONICALLY BY SENDING IT TO

MISHMDP@GMAIL.COM

IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE CONTACT DOUG WEST AT 574-286-3336

All entrants will be served refreshments at the VFW Post Home immediately following the parade. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

If your business or organization would like to contribute funds to assist the parade committee with the cost of the parade, please mail your contributions to: Mishawaka Memorial Day Parade; 133 E Mishawaka Ave; Mishawaka, IN 46545. Those donating \$500.00 or more will be recognized in the official parade program by having their name listed as a Memorial Day Parade supporter.

Sincerely,

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE
Kris Frazier, President