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HONOR AMERICA DAYS PARADE ROME, NEW YORK 10am, Saturday, July 30, 2022

The Rome Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rome present the 2022 Honor America Days Celebration, which is made possible primarily by the generosity and support of the following major sponsors:

- The Christopher P. Destito Fund of The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc.
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- City of Rome and Rome Chamber Members & Volunteers who support the annual Silent Auction fundraiser for Honor America Days!

The parade is organized by the Honor America Days Committee of the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce and only the units listed below are participants in the parade. Food and other vendors are not part of the parade. The Rome Police Department will keep vendors out of the streets and off the parade route, as they deem necessary, for public safety purposes. Am Care Ambulances will be positioned at Maple/James and Embargo/James intersections. (Am Care will also be at the Symphoria Orchestra Concert later that evening).

The parade will feature well over 100 units which means several hundred people will need to get into position at the appointed time. IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANYONE OTHER THAN THOSE IN THE 1ST DIVISION BE ALLOWED TO ENTER NORTH JAMES STREET AT THE WEST CHESTNUT STREET INTERSECTION.

IF YOUR DIVISION IS LOCATED ON ONE OF THE STREETS ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORTH JAMES STREET AND YOU ARE GOING TO GET INTO POSITION AND/OR DROP-OFF PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE UTILIZE NORTH GEORGE STREET TO ENTER THE STREET THAT YOUR DIVISION IS ON. IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF PEOPLE, YOU CANNOT PARK YOUR UNATTENDED CAR ON THAT STREET. PLEASE DRIVE AWAY AND PARK ELSEWHERE.

IF YOUR DIVISION IS LOCATED ON ONE OF THE STREETS ON THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH JAMES STREET AND YOU ARE GOING TO GET INTO POSITION AND/OR DROP-OFF PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE ENTER THE STREET THAT YOUR DIVISION IS ON FROM BLACK RIVER BOULEVARD. REMEMBER NOT TO ABANDON YOUR VEHICLE ON THAT STREET AS IT WILL DISRUPT THE LINE-UP. PLEASE DRIVE AWAY AND PARK ELSEWHERE.

REMINDER AGAIN THAT FOR THE SAFETY OF PARADE PARTICIPANTS AND ROAD RACE RUNNERS, ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRY WILL BE PERMITTED AT THE CORNER OF NORTH JAMES STREET AND WEST CHESTNUT STREET. THANK YOU.

The parade will move <u>promptly</u> at <u>10am</u>. Therefore, <u>it is very important that units start forming at the specified staggered times indicated below for each division</u>. Marshals of the divisions will assist participants in finding their place. Honor America Days Committee Members will be stationed along the route for assistance.

The Roman Runners Road Race begins at 8:30am along the parade route, so participants and the public will not be able to drive on North James Street after 8:00am.

Units desiring to perform at the reviewing stand on West Embargo, opposite the VFW, are asked to <u>limit</u> <u>their routines to less than 60 seconds</u>. Rick Weltz and Rocco Garro will be the Parade Masters of Ceremonies.

Parade Rules and Regulations

One thing that has added to the excitement and success of Rome's 39 years of Honor America Days Celebrations is the absence of any serious accidents that could have caused injuries or damage to property. The Chamber is anxious to continue this record of avoiding injuries to anyone including both participants and the public, and avoiding accidents that might damage property. Ultimately, responsibility must depend upon the care, wisdom, experience and precautions of the participants. By participation in the parade, you agree to the following Rules and Regulations.

- 1) Vehicles such as cars, wagons, pickup trucks etc. may be used if decorated appropriately in support of the theme. Only one vehicle per parade entry or unit unless approved in writing by the Chamber. A vehicle pulling a trailer shall be considered one vehicle. Due to safety concerns tractor trailers as well as any vehicle emitting high exhaust content will be placed strictly at the ends of the units.
- 2) Each vehicle shall have an assistant driver, if feasible, whose duties shall include, but not be limited to, assisting the driver and calling the driver's attention to any hazards he/she may detect.
- 3) Vehicles such as wagons, trucks and trailers that carry people must have railings or sides high enough to prevent people from falling off the vehicle onto the street. Be especially mindful of the needs of children.
- 4) People riding in open cars shall sit in the seats, not on the raised area behind the back of the rear seat. No one may step on or off a float or any motorized unit until it is at a complete stop.
- 5) Brochures or flyers may not be distributed.
- 6) You are welcome to distribute candy or other foods/toys/gifts, however, they may not be thrown to children from moving vehicles and may only be distributed while walking immediately adjacent to the curb and handing them to children. No gum and no candy with stems, such as lollipops, please!
- 7) Loud exhibitions or demonstrations, such as those made by motorized vehicles (e.g., "burn-outs"), are prohibited as are fireworks or firecrackers.
- 8) All animals must have a pooper scooper detail and a handler. Hot pavement can be harmful to animals and provisions should be made by handlers not to have animals walk the entire route. Instead, animals should take periodic breaks and ride in vehicles for all or part of the route.
- 9) Alcoholic beverages are not allowed and open container laws will be enforced by active-duty police officers.
- 10) Bottled water and cans of beverages are permitted—glassware is not allowed.
- 11) Drivers and all vehicles in the parade must have insurance as required by the State of New York. Drivers must also possess a valid driver's license.

- 12) Decisions as to where your unit lines-up and its division rest with the Chamber.
- 13) Certificates of insurance naming the Chamber as additional insured are requested.
- 14) Candidates for public office must be on the ballot with a party affiliation for the 2022 November election.

The lead vehicle in each division will be provided by the Oneida-Madison Amateur Radio Emergency Service of the American Radio Relay League (a national organization) to assist in ensuring public safety. Marshal: Joe Perrone - Director, Oneida County Veterans' Service Agency; Past Oneida County American Legion Commander and Past Commander of the Henry P. Smith Post American Legion.

Reminder: It is your responsibility to notify family or friends in advance as to where you are lining up to ensure that they do not miss seeing you along the route.

<u>Restrooms</u> are available at Rome Memorial Hospital/Rome Health and the Franklyn's Field Clubhouse. We will have two portajohns on the lawn adjacent to Maple Street, and in Fort Stanwix Park, at the intersection of N. James and E. Bloomfield Streets.

Units that have notified us in advance that they are competing for the Ronald A Swinney Best in Parade awards, plus other categories, will be judged on how their entries portray or represent the theme: "Let's Celebrate!"

Please bring plenty of drinking water in plastic bottles for your personnel as there will not be a water station.

2022 Parade Order

As of 7/27/2022 - Subject to change

1st Division on N. James St. between Cedar & Chestnut; Lineup by 9:30am:

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshal: Joe Perrone - Director, Oneida County Veterans' Service Agency; Past Oneida County American Legion Commander & Past Smith Post #24 Commander

Rome Police Department, Lead Car
Rutz, Gary, Vintage Police Car
Lee Legion Post 1794 Color Guard, Color Guard/Float/Music
Cicero-North Syracuse Marching Band
Knights of Columbus Council 391, Color Guard/Walkers/Vehicle
Picente Jr, Oneida County Executive Anthony, Walking
Griffo, Senator Joseph A., Walking
Get Out the Vote, Vehicle

2nd Division 100 block of Cedar St.; Lineup by 9:30am: Oneida-Madison ARES:

Buttenschon, Assemblywoman Marianne, Float/Walkers

<u>Marshal: Willie Fletcher - Past Smith Post #24 Commander, Past</u> Commander of VFW Post 2246, Past 4th District VFW Commander

Rome Police Department Honor Guard, Walkers Central New York Police & Fire Band Rotary Club of Rome NY, Marching Unit/Flag/Vehicle

Notary Club of Northe NT, Marching Office lag/ Vehicle

Wells, Steve, Candidate for Congress NY-22, Vehicle/Walkers

Fort Stanwix National Monument/NPS, Marching Unit/Music

Murad, Judge David, Re-Elect to Supreme Court, Vehicle/Walkers

ICAN, Vehicle/Music

Utica Children's Museum, Mobile Museum

Buell Fuels, Vehicle

Rome Fire Department, Truck/Walkers

3rd Division 100 block of West Oak St.; Lineup by 9:45am: Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshal: Derek Carter - Smith Post #24

Rome Police Department, Motorcycle

DownBeat Percussion, Band

Rome Historical Society, Float/Walkers

Copper City Brewing Co., Vehicle/Walkers

Rome Health, Float/Walkers/Music

Grand Rehabilitation & Nursing at Rome, Vehicle/Walkers

Fritz's Polka Band

Fountainhead Group, The, Vehicle/Walkers

Bethany Gardens, Float/Music

Zielinski, John, Candidate for NY Assembly, Vehicle/Walkers

Stanwix Heights Fire Dept, 3 Vehicles

4th Division 100 block of East Oak St.: Lineup by 10:00am: Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshals: Msgt. (Ret) Della Pray, Col. Paul Bishop, EADS Commander, and Lt. Col. Kevin Tracy, JROTC Instructor

NYS Troopers, Vehicle

Air Force Rome Recruiting Station, Vehicle

EADS Security Forces, Vehicle

Air Force Research Lab & Eastern Air Defense Sector, Color

Guard/Marching Unit

Thorpe, Herbert, Tuskegee Airmen, Vehicle/Trailer

Gold Star Families, Vehicle/Trailer

Central NY All Airborne Chapter 82nd ABN Div. Assoc., Vehicle/Trailer

Civil Air Patrol, Marching Unit

RFA JROTC, Walkers/Vehicle

CNY Chapter 490 Military Order of the Purple Heart, Vehicle

Vietnam Veterans Chapter 944, Vehicle

Western Memorial Post 1846, Float

Marine Corps League, Vehicle

Air Force Research Laboratory, Robot Dog/Humvee/Tractor Trailer

5th Division 100 block of Walnut St.; Lineup by 10:00am:

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshal: Potentate Jim Nagy

Ziyara Shriners, Band/Clowns/Keystone Cops/Fire Truck/Vehicles

6th Division 100 block of East Sycamore St.; Lineup by 10:15am:

SPONSORED BY: Davidson Auto Group

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshal: Erica Drake

Oneida County Sheriff's Office, Honor Guard/Vehicle

Davidson Auto Group, Division Sponsor Banner/6 Vehicles/Walkers

Nunn's Home Medical Equipment, Vehicle/Walkers

Maciol. Rob. Re-Elect to Oneida County Sheriff. Vehicle/Walkers

Rome Free Academy Marching Band

Williams, Brandon, Candidate for Congress NY-22, Vehicle/Walkers

Kris-Tech Wire Co., Inc., Float/Walkers/Music

First Presbyterian Church, Float

Mennig, Colton, Candidate for NYS Assembly, Float/Walkers/Music

Previte, Dr. Peter, Vehicle

7th Division 100 block of West Pine St.; Lineup by 10:30am:

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshals: Tom Kenealy - Past Smith Post Commander Post #24,

and Al Witt - Smith Squadron #24

Scouts BSA, Float/Color Guard/Walkers

Loco Brothers, The, Band

Victory, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, 4 Vehicles

EZ Tree Care, 2 Vehicles/Walkers

Bailey's Karate School, Walkers/4 Wheeler

50 Forward Mohawk Valley. Vehicle/Walkers

Hit Men Brass Band, The

Grow-Denton, Julie, Candidate for 5th JD District Supreme Court,

Vehicle/Walkers

Kuehner, Kevin, Candidate for 5th JD District Supreme Court.

Vehicle/Walkers

Rose, Mark, Candidate for 5th JD District Supreme Court.

Vehicle/Walkers

North Star Allstar Cheerleading, Float/Music

Scarchilli, Jim, Candidate for Oneida County Sheriff, Vehcile/Walkers

Orgill. Tractor trailer

8th Division 100 block of East Pine St.: Lineup by 10:30am:

SPONSORED BY: First Source Federal Credit Union

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshal: Russell Hayes - Smith Post #24

First Source Federal Credit Union, Division Sponsor

Banner/Walkers

Express Employment Professionals, Vehicle/Walkers

DVD The Band

City of Rome Parks & Recreation. Float

Commonfund Mortgage Corp., Vehicle/Walkers

Hood, Sara Klee, Candidate for Congress NY-22, Vehicle/Walkers

Rome Colts Pop Warner Cheerleading, Vehicle/Walkers

RFA Football & Rome Colts. Float/Music

Planet Fitness, Vehicle/Walkers

Nicky Doodles. Truck/Walkers/Popsicles

Floyd Fire Department, 2 Trucks

9th Division 100 block of West Locust St.; Lineup by 11:00am:

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshal: Steve Hunt - Air Force veteran

AmeriCU Credit Union, Vehicle/Walkers

Tappet Twirlers Auto Club. 10 Vehicles

Clef Dwellers, The, Band

Finegan, Mary, Candidate for Oneida County Clerk, Truck/car/boat

Ghostbusters Car "Ecto 1"

AYSO Region 405, Float/Walkers

CSEA Region 5, Float/Walkers/Music

Nascentia Health, Vehicle/Walkers

King Pin Lanes, Float/Walkers/Music

Jeff The Magic Man, Balloon Puppet

St. Peter's Church, Float/Vehicles/Walkers

Witchy Women of the Finger Lakes, The, Float/Walkers/Music

10th Division 100 block of East Locust St.; Lineup by 11:00am:

SPONSORED BY: Rome Federal Credit Union

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshal: Steve Hunt - Air Force veteran

Rome Federal Credit Union, Division Sponsor Banner/Walkers

Broadway Theatre League of Utica, Vehicle/Walkers

Smajic-Oren Esq., Merima, Candidate for Oneida County Clerk, 2

Vehicles/Walkers

Lake Delta Kiwanis/Kamp Kiwanis, Float

Rome Sports Hall of Fame, 3 Vehicles

Easy Money Band

Superior Plus Propane, 2 Vehicles/Walkers

Skate-A-While Longer, Vehicle/Skaters/Music

Central New York Junior Roller Derby, Skaters/Banner

Rome Youth Hockey, Float

M&L Worldwide Logistics, Tractor trailer

Vernon Center Volunteer Fire Department, 2 Trucks

11th Division 100 block of West Linden St.; Lineup by 11:15am:

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshals: Jim Dinco - Vietnam Veteran and Lynn Mast

CHD Awareness, Walkers/Banner NYSCO&PBA Union, Vehicle/Walkers

La Banda Rossa (The Red Band). Band/Car

Maranatha Church, Float/Walkers

Mohawk Valley Mud Crawlers, 12 Vehicles

First Student, Inc., Vehicle/Walkers/Music

Rome Alliance for Education, Float/Mascots/Walkers

Colucci Trucking, Tractor trailer

Lee Center Volunteer Fire Dept., 2 Trucks

12th Division 100 block of East Linden St.; Lineup by 11:30am:

SPONSORED BY: Sovena, USA

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshal: Jim Dinco - Vietnam Veteran and Lynn Mast

Sovena USA, Division Sponsor Banner/Truck/Walkers

Life Church, Float/Band/Van/Train

Humane Society of Rome, Float/Vehicle

Rome Catholic School, Float/walker

Blues Brothers of Central New York, Vehicle/Band

James Cars of Rome, Vehicles/Walkers

Immanuel Baptist Church. Float/Vehicle/Music

Mike Jr's Auto Repair. 3 Vehicles

NASCAR Hall of Fame Van

Runningboards Marketing, Float

Lake Delta Fire Dept., 2 trucks

13th Division 100 block of Maple St.; Lineup by 11:30am:

Oneida-Madison ARES:

Marshals: Ashley Finnie

Rome Art & Community Center. Float/Walkers

Collins Farm & Creamery, Tractor/Wagon

Loyalty's Nation, Vehicle/Walkers

Trinity Church, Float/Walkers

Walgreens, Vehicle/Walkers

Voices for Christ Crusade, Float/Music

Tri-Valley Rebels - AAU Girls Basketball, Vehicle/Walkers

New London Vol. Fire Dept., Vehicle/Walkers

Rome Police Department, Patrol Car

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