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Dear Veterans Day Parade Entry:

Thank you for your interest in Auburn's 48<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day Parade. This letter is your confirmation of acceptance into this event. The parade begins promptly at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2013, with staging of entries beginning at 9:30 a.m. Listed below are instructions for the parade. These instructions are in addition to the enclosed parade rules & regulations.

- 1. Your assigned staging area is **G ST SE** 
  - A map is enclosed for your convenience. One member of your group <u>must</u> check in with the Seafair Parade Marshals between 9:30 10:30 a.m. The Parade Marshals will be located at the East Main and "I" Street intersection, #2 on the map. Many Streets will be closed. Please arrive early to avoid the traffic congestion. A list of street closures and detour routes can be obtained at www.auburnwa.gov/events. PLEASE NOTE THE STAGING AREA IS RESERVED FOR PARADE STAGING ONLY. We recommend parking at the Auburn Transit Center parking garage at 2<sup>nd</sup> and A St. SW or utilizing side streets that aren't being used for the parade or parade staging. There is absolutely no parking in the parade staging area. Please note, the Performing Arts Center parking lot is currently under construction. You are welcome to use the temporary lots off of E Street NE, near Washington Elementary, however, these lots will be inaccessible from 10:30am 12:30pm.
- 2. Your marching order was assigned based on parade protocol for Veterans Day. Officially recognized military and veteran service organizations march at the beginning of the parade followed by veteran organizations, community and scouting groups. Some groups may not begin marching until 12 noon. Therefore, if you have young children, a representative can check in early, having the children report to their assigned staging area at a later time. Children may gather along Main Street at their respective staging location to watch the parade and then get into the parade lineup closer to 12 noon.
- 3. Portable restrooms will be located at East Main and I, J, K, and L Street intersections. There will also be portable restrooms at the 'Mural Parking Lot' at the corner of Main and B Street NE. City Hall will also be open for public restroom use, from 9:30am 2:00pm.
- 4. Per the rules of the parade, throwing of candy and/or distribution of literature or any items is not allowed. Entries are also prohibited from posting commercial advertisements on their parade vehicles or person. Commercial material of any kind including logos and company insignias on vehicles must be covered. A copy of the parade rules & regulations is included for your convenience. Float instructions are also included for those entries who may need to review that information.

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- 5. It is important that all entries show patriotism, by displaying flags, wearing red, white and blue and/or playing patriotic music. Please follow the Flag Code. Thanks for showing your support of our Veterans!
- 6. All groups must maintain a forward motion leaving no more than 20 feet between units. Seafair Parade Marshals will help monitor forward progress. Scouting and Campfire groups will march in mass and will not have 20 feet between units. Please do not stop and perform along the parade route except in front of the review stand at City Hall. Please keep your performance limited to 30 seconds. Due to the large number of groups in the parade, we cannot have large gaps between groups. Groups violating this may be pulled from the parade procession and/or be unable to participate in future years.
- 7. During the parade, judging for specific categories takes place in front of the reviewing stand located at Auburn City Hall. Winners are notified by mail after the parade. Results are also posted to the City's website.
- 8. Please refrain from stopping at the end of the parade route. After you pass the Review Stand, make a right on A Street NW and another right on 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE. Dispersal must be done East of N Division Street.

We encourage you to attend the many activities in Auburn during the Veterans Day Observance, including the American Legion Breakfast, the Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony, the Static Display & Exhibit Showcase, the Veterans Day Luncheon, the VFW Post #1741 Open House and the Veterans Day Marching Band Competition!

New this year, we are offering a variety of programs that will be held in the Auburn Avenue Theater the week of the event. Offerings include a Doolittle Raider Presentation and USS Indianapolis Presentations, featuring survivors of the historic events. British Export – the ultimate Beatles tribute show – will be offered on Thursday, Nov. 7 (fees apply). A schedule of offerings has been included for your reference.

Back again is the Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall – 'The Wall That Heals', November 8-11. The half-scale replica of the Washington, D.C. based Vietnam Memorial Wall will be housed at Veterans Memorial Park, 411 E Street NE and open 24-hours a day. The unforgettable exhibit includes a 53' museum and computers with databases to help located the names. The exhibit is open to all ages and groups are welcome.

You may visit our website for complete event information and maps — <a href="www.auburnwa.gov/events">www.auburnwa.gov/events</a>. Please contact the Parks, Arts & Recreation Department at 253-931-3043 for additional information and/or inquires.

Thank you for supporting Auburn events! See you on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>!

