



UNITED WAR VETERANS' COUNCIL
Of New York County, Inc.

**90th Anniversary of the Veterans' Day Parade
New York City
Wednesday, November 11th, 2009
Component parts of the NYC Veterans' Day Parade 2009**

Gracie Mansion: Mayor's Veterans Recognition Breakfast.

Time: 8:00am – 9:05am Specific guests whom we are responsible for will depart Gracie Mansion at 9:05 by our designated buses, directly to Madison Square Park.

Staging of participants from 23rd Street to 29th Street, between Madison Ave and Broadway:

Time: 8:00am onward

Floats, vehicles, marching bands, parade participants arrive en masse to their designated staging areas prior to the parade start. All participants coming in by bus and vans, should have already received a Special NYPD Parking Permit, and you will be told well before hand exactly where to drop off your bus, and which street and avenue it will be located for your access at the end of the parade

Opening Ceremony: Madison Square Park/Eternal Light Monument Ceremony

Time: 10:00am-11:00am – 8:00am setup

Traditionally, *the Opening Ceremony* stage and ceremony takes place in front of the Eternal Light Monument, at 5th Avenue, between 23rd and 26th Streets. Thousands of general public and veterans attend to Pledge Allegiance; hear the Invocation to those military now deceased and Armed Forces presently serving, a 21 Gun Salute, speeches from acclaimed present and former military (i.e. Medal of Honor Recipients), Veterans organization executives, and the Mayor of NYC. At precisely 11:00am, the Wreath Laying Ceremony takes place in front of the monument by various organizations. There is ample seating for those requiring it, and anyone needing assistance should look for those in Bright Yellow vests.

The Parade

Time: 11:00am until 3:00pm:

Following the Eternal Light Monument Ceremony, the parade officially starts, with elected officials, dignitaries and the Grand Marshals taking the lead. An exact *Line of March* comprised of 200 groups, is prepared with all participants gathered at their designated and reserved streets awaiting their Bright Yellow Vests Parade Marshals notice, to begin marching up 5th Avenue. Starting off at 23rd Street and 5th Avenue and going up to 56th Street and 5th Avenue, the marching contingents, military vehicles, floats, bands, etc requires approximately 3 - 4 hours of time. Parade Marshals in Bright Yellow vests will be at the **(8:00am setup) Reviewing Stand is in front of the New York City Public Library – 40th Street and 5th Avenue, where there will be bleacher seating.**

Dismissal area(s)

12:00pm until 4:00pm

NYPD direct vehicles, floats and marching participants to dismiss onto adjudicated side streets off of 5th Avenue from 52nd St to 55th Street etc.

Post Parade Free Concert (Military and their families ONLY – Not open to the public)

Time: Arrivals at 1:00pm on.

The military, consisting of thousands of men and women will, after they finish marching in the parade, depart to the Lexington Avenue Armory (25th-26th and Lexington Avenue). Buses will be parked throughout the area.

Hospitality Street (56th Street between Madison Avenue and 6th Ave)

Time: 9:00am until 6:00pm:

Annually, these or other streets (as assigned by NYPD) are closed, whereby participants can partake of the various



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booths along the street.

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