

VETERANS DAY PARADE 2011

Corvette Atlanta will lead the 30th annual Veterans Day Parade through the downtown Atlanta streets on Saturday, November 12, 2011 along with Classic Glass Corvette Club. Due to the better participation and traffic management experienced on Saturday parades compared to weekdays, the organizing committee has standardized on scheduling the parade on the Saturday closest to the official holiday date of November 11. **The assembly area and parade route will be essentially the same as last year. Corvettes will be lining-up on the side street at the end of West Peachtree Street facing Peachtree Street no later than 10:00 AM.** Final staging directions and parade route information will be provided at least a week before the event.

JAMES MADIO and ROSS MCCALL, both actors in the critically acclaimed HBO hit TV series and top selling DVD release, "The Band of Brothers" will lead the 2011 Veterans Day Parade.

The parade will pay tribute to roughly three-quarters of a million Georgia Veterans and their families. This year's theme is: "**Honoring our Greatest Generation, our World War II Veterans**". The parade committee would like to invite WW II veterans to ride in the parade and is exploring various options for vehicles. It has been suggested that we supply additional Corvettes but no numbers or details are available yet. A trolley car will be used.

Although convertibles are preferred, coupes with tops removed are welcome since we need at least 25 Corvettes to accommodate the various parade officials and dignitaries. Fixed-roof coupes (mid-years & ZO6) could be used for carrying WW II Veterans if you would like to be in the parade. Corvette Atlanta and Classic Glass Corvette Club have collaborated for many years on this event in order to provide the required number of Corvettes.

The parade is always a great opportunity for club members to participate in this special event with their Corvettes on display while honoring our veterans. After delivering the dignitaries to the reviewing stand at the end of the parade we will go to Manuel's Tavern at the intersection of North Ave. and Highland Ave. for a group lunch.

Please save the date and plan to participate in this Patriotic and enjoyable event. If you have not already signed-up, you may do so at the Nov 1 meeting or send me an e-mail at ricke2@aol.com

CGCC will meet at Sidelines Grill to caravan – 8:30am and Leave 8:45am.

I don't trust the Atlanta PD and closing streets.....we ran into that issue last year. The earlier we get there the better for both clubs.

Driving directions to assembly area for the parade:

From north of Atlanta (coming south on I-75, GA 400 or I-85):
Merge into I-75/85 south
Take exit 249D, North Avenue
Turn left on North Avenue (cross over the freeway)
Turn right on Spring Street
Move to the left lane and follow the signs to W. Peachtree St. south
As soon as you turn right on W. Peachtree follow the directions of the marshals

Driving directions at the end of the parade:

At the end of the parade you will see Philips Arena on the right.
To get back to the assembly area:
Continue straight to second traffic light, MLK,Jr Drive, and turn left
Turn left at first traffic light (Spring St.)
Go to Pine Street and turn right to W. Peachtree Street

To I-75/I-85 north or south:

Continue straight to second traffic light, MLK Jr Drive, and turn left
Turn left at first traffic light (Spring St.)
Turn left on Ivan Allen
Turn right on Williams Street
Follow signs to I-75/85 north (straight) or south (right turn)

Lunch after Parade:

After delivering the dignitaries to the reviewing stand at the end of the parade we will go to:
Manuel's Tavern at the intersection of North Ave. and Highland Ave. for a group lunch.
602 North Highland Ave. Atl. GA
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