



“Sea to Shining Sea”

2018 Liberation Day Celebration



PARADE/FLOAT PARTICIPATION APPLICATION

Deadline to submit application is 4:30 p.m. June 15, 2018 at Office of the Mayor of Saipan, Ground Floor, CTC Building, Teer Drive, in Oleai, Saipan MP 96950. CTC Building is located immediately north of the Susupe Sports Complex track and field.

First Place: \$4,000.00	Second Place: \$3,000.00	Third Place: \$2,000.00	Fourth Place: \$1,000.00
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Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of Entry: _____

Entry (Check One)

- MARCHING UNIT
- GOVERNMENT AGENCY
- COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE
- OTHERS SPECIFY, e.g., motorcycle, funny cars, big foot, etc.) Non-competition
- VILLAGE (Community)
- NON-PROFIT GROUP / ORGANIZATION
- SCHOOL (Public or Private)

Activity: (Check One)

- FLOAT (Competition) Entry Fee: \$100.00
 - FLOAT (Non-Competition) No Fee
- Checks must be made payable to “Liberation Day Committee” with notation “2018 LDC”

Type and size of vehicle and/or trailer: _____

Required: Briefly describe your float on the space below for the judges and parade emcee.

To ensure a safe, cheerful, and memorable July 4th parade, all parade participants must abide by the following rules at all times before, during, and after the parade. The rules are as follows:

1. No tossing or throwing of objects of any kind, including candies, toys, handouts, etc. from the floats by parade participants.
2. Displaying of vulgar and/or pornographic materials, non-Liberation Day Festival sponsor advertisements, signs and/or posters containing political messages, symbols, marks, etc. is strictly prohibited. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in the removal of the offending participants from the parade and participants shall not be entitled to a refund, in whole or partial, of the entry fee.
3. Floats must not exceed 13 feet in height, measured from the existing grade to the highest point on the float. Floats must not exceed 10 feet in width. The bottom of any vehicle, heavy equipment, or lowboy must not be lower than 12 inches at the lowest point of the vehicle to the surface of the existing grade.

Floats competing for prize must enter by checking one of the listed entries on the application. Floats entering in the 2018 Fourth of July Liberation Day Celebration parade will be judged according to the criteria set forth at paragraph 4 below.

4. Floats will be judged on originality, creativity, design, workmanship, balance, effective utilization of natural materials, presentation and overall appeal based on this year's theme ***"Sea to Shining Sea"***. It is encouraged that floats be constructed by using natural materials gathered on-island.
5. Prizes for competition floats will be presented as follows:

First Place: \$4,000.00	Second Place: \$3,000.00	Third Place: \$2,000.00	Fourth Place: \$1,000.00
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6. Judging of the floats will be on July 4, 2018 and shall commence at 12:00 p.m. until the conclusion of the parade.
7. Announcement of winners and presentation of prizes will be held later after the conclusion of the parade on July 4th at Garapan Fishing Base.
8. Starting point of the parade will be on Beach Road, south of the National Office Supply and will end at the Garapan Fishing Base.
9. All floats must be transported and parked at the Gilbert C. Ada Gym parking lot on July 3d, 2018, a day before the parade on July 4th.
10. All marching units, including motorcycles, vehicles, etc. will line up at the starting point followed by floats. Entrance to the starting point area will be from the Marianas Visitors Authority on Beach Road and up north to the National Office Supply.

11. Check-in time for parade participants and floats at the designated location, i.e., Gilbert C. Ada Gym parking lot will be no later than 07:30 p.m. on July 3, 2018. Competition entry floats checked in after 10:30 p.m. on July 3, 2017 will not be eligible to compete for an award of any prize. Competition floats checked in after 10:30 p.m. shall not be entitled to a refund, in whole or partial, of the entry fee paid.
12. Parade sequence number will be announced at the mandatory safety briefing on June 28, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, ground floor, CTC Building on Teer Drive, Oleai, or at another place to be announced in advance, if necessary. All participants must attend the safety briefing. Failure to attend may result in the entry being excluded from the parade. Competition floats excluded from the parade shall not be entitled to a refund, in whole or partial, of the entry fee paid.
13. Police escorts for the floats will be requested through the Parade and Float Subcommittee. Escorts will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 on July 3, 2018. Participants must advise the chair of the Subcommittee if their float entry will require police escort no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 29, 2018.
14. The Application for Parade/Float Participation form must be accurately and completely filled in. Description of floats and/or marching unit will be announced when it reaches the Reviewing Stand. Participants must ensure the information provided on the participant's application is exactly the way it will be introduced and described. Failure to provide the description of the float will result in the entry not being announced or introduced to the viewers at the Reviewing Stand.
15. Performance in front of the Reviewing Stand will be limited to not-to-exceed five minutes. The Parade and Float Subcommittee shall strictly enforce the not-to-exceed five-minute time limitation and participants are expected to comply with the time limit. No exemption shall be granted no matter the size of the marching band, float, or group of performers. Each participating person, group, organization, float, etc. shall designate at least two persons on their team to monitor the time clock in front of the Reviewing Stand to ensure performance in front of the Reviewing Stand does not exceed five minutes.
16. All participants must read and sign the attached Release of Liability form in order to be accepted and allowed to participate in the 2018 Fourth of July Liberation Day Celebration parade.

For further information about the parade and floats, please contact the Office of the Mayor of Saipan during regular working hours from 07:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday at 234-6208/6225.

Release of Liability

I/We, _____, certify that I/we have read the Rules for Parade and Float Participants for the 2018 Fourth of July Liberation Day Celebration parade and festivities and agree to abide by them at all times before, during, and after the parade. My/Our signature expressly indicate(s) my/our understanding of the rules, and a desire to participate in this event. All members of my/our organization taking part in this event have been notified of the rules and have expressly stated that they understand them.

In view of the acceptance of my/our entry by the Subcommittee on Parade and Float of the 2018 Fourth of July Liberation Day Committee, the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, the non-profit corporation Liberation Day Committee, and the CNMI Government, and in consideration of the fee paid for entering the float competition, the owner, sponsor, participants of the float, marching unit, and individual/s participating in the 2018 Fourth of July Liberation Day Celebration parade, who are named on the Release of Liability (see above), release and forever discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless and free from liabilities the 2018 Fourth of July Liberation Day Committee, the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, the non-profit corporation Liberation Day Committee, the CNMI Government, their respective agents, successors, and assigns from actions directly or indirectly related to or resulting from the actions of the 2018 Fourth of July Liberation Day Celebration Committee, the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, the non-profit corporation Liberation Day Committee, the CNMI Government, their respective agents, representatives, successors, and assigns.

Name of Entry: _____

By: _____
Print Clearly Name and Sign

Date