



Liberation Day Committee

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“Resiliency Rising”

2023 Liberation Day Celebration

PARADE/FLOAT PARTICIPATION APPLICATION

Deadline to submit application is 4:00 p.m. June 21, 2023 at Office of the Mayor of Saipan, Ground Floor, CTC Building, 2799 Teer Drive, Oleai, Saipan MP 96950. CTC Building is located immediately north of the Oleai Sports Complex track and field.

First Place Per Category: \$4,000.00

General Information:

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name _____ of _____ Entry:

Please provide names and contact numbers of two representatives:

Primary Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____ Address: _____

Secondary Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____ Address: _____

Parade Entry Group: (Check One)

Marching Unit

Type: _____

(i.e. Government, Non-Profit, Business, Community, School, etc.)

Approximate Number of Participants: _____

Vehicular Entry (includes marching units accompanied by a vehicle) Type: _____

(i.e. Government, Non-Profit, Business, Community, School, etc.)

Approximate Number of Participants (on foot): _____

Parade Float Entries: (Check One)

FLOAT (Competition) \$100.00 Registration Fee FLOAT (Non-Competition) No Entry Fee

2023 LIBERATION DAY PARADE/FLOAT INFO SHEET

FLOAT # _____

This information will be used to describe your entry as it approaches the Reviewing Stand and for all media outlets covering the Parade.

Organization Name:

Marching Unit Vehicle Parade Entry Float Entry

Float Provided by: _____

Parade Entry Details: Provide as much information as possible.

Use the back of the page if necessary.

Please describe your float or parade entry and how it portrays this year's Liberation Festivities theme.

Please provide a brief history of your group/organization/business.

Interesting facts about the float (i.e. explain the materials you used to construct the float).

Rules for Parade and Float Participation for the 2023 Fourth of July Liberation Day Celebration and Festivities

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 and while marching by parade participants.
2. Displaying of vulgar or pornographic materials, non-liberation day festival sponsored advertisements, signs, 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.
3. Floats must not exceed 13 feet in height, measured from the existing grade, i.e., the surface of the asphalt road on Beach Road, to the highest point on the float. A float must not exceed 10 feet in width along the sides from the front end to the rear of the float. 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. A float that has been entered as a competing float that exceeds the maximum dimensions described in this Paragraph 3 will be found non-compliant and will not be considered for any prize.

Floats competing for prizes must enter by checking one of the listed entries on the application. Floats entering the 2023 Fourth of July Liberation Day parade float competition will be judged according to the criteria set forth in Paragraph 4 below.

4. Floats will be judged on originality, creativity, design, workmanship, balance, presentation, and overall appeal based on this year's theme "***Resiliency Rising***". 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 per Category: \$4,000.00

**In an event of a tie, see Paragraph 7*

6. Judging of the floats will be on July 4, 2023, and shall commence immediately upon check-in. The decision of the judges is final.
7. In the event of a tie, the floats involved in the tie will **equally** share the prize money by the number of floats involved in the tie.

8. Starting point of the parade will be on and will end at the Garapan Fishing Base. The parade will officially start at 10:00 A.M.
9. All floats must be transported and parked on Beach Road (south of Quartermaster Road) on July 4, 2023, by 8:00 A.M. Any competing floats who arrive after 8:00 A.M. will forfeit their seat for competition and will not qualify for award placement; however, they may choose to still participate in the parade.
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., Beach Road, south of Quartermaster will be no later than 8:00 A.M. on July 4, 2023. Competition entry floats checked in after 8:00 A.M. on July 4, 2023, will not be eligible to compete for an award of any prize.
12. Parade sequence number will be announced at the mandatory safety briefing on June 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, ground floor, CTC Building on 2799 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.
13. Each Float participant will be issued a float sign displaying that participant's float number. Each float participant must return the issued float sign to the Parade and Float Sub-Committee at the end of the parade.
14. Police Escorts for the floats will be requested through the Parade and Float Sub-Committee. Escorts will be available on July 4, 2023. 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, 2023.
15. The Application for Parade/Float Participation form must be accurately and completely filled in. Description of floats and/or marching units will be announced when it reaches the Reviewing Stand. Participants must ensure the information provided on the participant's float information sheet is exactly the way it will be introduced and described. Failure to provide a description of the float will result in the entry not being announced or introduced to the viewers at the Reviewing Stand.
16. Performance in front of the Reviewing Stand will be limited to not-to-exceed three (3) minutes. The Parade and Float Subcommittee shall strictly enforce the not-to-exceed three-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 three minutes. Exceeding the three-minute limit shall result in the disqualification of the float entered as a competing float and shall not be considered for any prize.

17. Announcement of winners and presentation of prizes for competitive floats will be held later after the conclusion of the parade on July 4th at the Garapan Fishing Base.
18. Award of float prizes will be announced after July 4, 2023, and scheduled no later than four days after the conclusion of the 2023 Fourth of July liberation day parade.
19. All participants must read and sign the attached Release of Liability form in order to be accepted and allowed to participate in the 2023 Fourth of July liberation day celebration parade.
20. In the event a participant or participants of a competition float disagrees with the decision of the Parade and Float Subcommittee, the participant may submit a written letter to the Committee no later than five government business days, stating the reason and explaining in detail its disagreement. The Committee has five government business days to respond to the participant. As provided in Paragraph 6 above, decisions of the competition float judges shall be final and not appealable. [The Committee however will pass on the reasons for the disagreement in order to be considered in improving future float competitions.](#)

As used in this Paragraph 20, government business days shall be Monday to Friday, except any within the regular government business week that falls on a holiday. The day after the holiday, except Saturday and Sunday, shall be the next business day.

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 2023 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 2023 Fourth of July Liberation Day, the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, the non-profit corporation Liberation Day Committee, and the CNMI Government, and in view of the agreement to enter the 2023 Fourth of July liberation day parade, the owner, sponsor, participants of the float, marching unit, and individual/s participating in the 2023 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 2023 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, representatives, and assigns from actions directly or indirectly related to or resulting from the actions of the 2023 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: _____
Print and Sign

Date: _____