



## PIPE & DRUM BAND and HONOR GUARD Ground Rules

The IAFF Honor Guard and Massed Pipe & Drum Band continue to grow with more than 900 members participating in the annual memorial ceremony in Colorado Springs. To maintain the solemnity of the ceremony and to ensure the quality of the band, the following ground rules are established:

1. **IAFF Membership** - This is a Union Memorial, and as such all members of the honor guard and massed band must be members in good standing of the IAFF, or a member who was in good standing at the time of their departure.
  - a. If you have a civilian or sworn public safety officer that is associated with your honor guard or band, and you wish that member to participate at the Memorial on Saturday afternoon, your honor guard commander and/or pipe major, must present a letter to the IAFF Honor Guard Commander or IAFF Pipe Major from the Local acknowledging that the civilian in question will be representing the Local prior to the honor guard and pipe & drum meeting on Thursday evening.
2. **Registration** - All individuals participating in the Memorial on Saturday afternoon must be registered for the event and should be able to show proof of that registration on request.
3. **Alcohol** - At no time during the Memorial weekend will open containers of alcohol be tolerated at the memorial park.
4. **Tent City** - Tent city will be moved to the parking lot adjacent to the baseball fields. Trailers will not be allowed to park directly next to the upper field, in the street, or in the dirt lot below the memorial. Due to the limited space in the parking lot it may be necessary to limit the amount of space each unit may occupy.

5. **Buying and Selling** - There will be no selling of anything during the ceremony, including the distribution of food. Please remember that we don't want anything to distract families or take away from the solemn tone of the Memorial.
6. **Drum Majors** - In the past there has been some confusion about the Drum Major's commands, owing in part to the fact that Drum Majors may vary in the way they give commands. I will attempt to standardize the commands that are given by the Drum Majors at the memorial to make them consistent and easier to understand.
7. **Bass Drums** - Each registered band will be permitted to field one bass drum during the memorial on Saturday afternoon. Bands may have more than one bass drum during the evening performances on Friday and Saturday.

Questions regarding these ground rules should be addressed through:

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