

# SOUDERTON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

MR. RICK FRED A, BAND DIRECTOR

MAY 23-25, 2020

THE AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER'S

# NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



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May 2, 2019

Rick Freda, Band Director  
**Souderton High School**  
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Dear Mr. Freda,

Based on a government nomination from Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, the American Veterans Center and Music Celebrations International are pleased to invite the **SOUDERTON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND** to march in the **NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** in Washington, D.C. on May 25, 2020 – Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II.

The National Memorial Day Parade takes place in our nation's capital on Historic Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th Street before a street audience of several hundred thousand spectators. It consists of musical ensembles from each branch of the military, invited bands from every state in America, veterans groups, military and specialty units, floats, and VIP's.

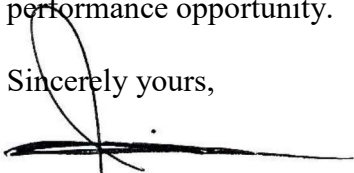
The parade is broadcast annually on the Discovery's Military Channel, and worldwide to American troops on the Pentagon Channel.

By accepting this invitation, you are offering your musicians an opportunity to experience:

- ★ Our nation's capital on Memorial Day.
- ★ The chance to be a part of America's official National Memorial Day Parade.
- ★ Unparalleled educational opportunities and memories that will last a lifetime.
- ★ The excitement of attending the National Symphony Orchestra concert at The U.S. Capitol.
- ★ The distinction of being featured on local, national and international television coverage.
- ★ Of honoring America's war heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Congratulations on your fine reputation. We look forward to associating with you in the special performance opportunity.

Sincerely yours,



John P. Wiscombe  
President

# Souderton High School Marching Band

## NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

May 23 – 25, 2019 (2 nights / 3 days)

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### Day 1 Saturday, May 23, 2020 (D)

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Depart Souderton, PA via deluxe scheduled motor coach  
Arrival in Washington, D.C.  
Meet your Tour Manager, who will escort the group through the duration of the tour  
Sightseeing may include a panoramic motorcoach tour of Historic Washington, D.C., including a visit to Lafayette Square for a photo opportunity of the White House  
Afternoon visit to Ford's Theater, the Petersen House or a self-guided tour the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
Check-in to the hotel  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
Evening walking tour of the Lincoln, Korean, Martin Luther King, Jr., Vietnam, National World War II Memorial, a view of the outside of the Washington Monument, as well as the Thomas Jefferson Memorial  
Return to the hotel for overnight

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### Day 2 Sunday, May 24 (B,D)

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Breakfast at the hotel  
Visit the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery and see the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
Lunch, on own  
Afternoon visit to one of the Smithsonian Institution Museums  
Dinner at a local restaurant  
*Evening options:*  
1 - Evening walking tour - United States Marine Corps Iwo Jima Memorial  
2 - Attend the official "National Memorial Day Concert" on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, featuring the National Symphony Orchestra and broadcast live on PBS  
Return to the hotel for overnight

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### Day 3 Monday, May 25 Memorial Day (B,L)

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Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out and board motorcoach  
Morning sightseeing may include one of the Smithsonian Museums  
Transfer to parade-staging area on the National Mall where boxed lunch is provided

***Participate in the National Memorial Day Parade on Historic Constitution Avenue***

Afternoon departure for home

***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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