



2018 NYC Veteran's Day Parade

100th Anniversary of the Armistice
November 11, 2018

Hosted by
The Long Island Living History Association
and the East Coast Doughboys



Parade Line Up Information



Coordinating Instructions:

1) Pre-Parade Tour Information: For those coming to New York to march in the country's biggest Veterans Day Parade on November 11, here are two days of tours Kevin is arranging for us before the parade.

a) Friday Tours: Friday November 9: Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Private Tour. A four-hour tour of Battery Park, the Statue of Liberty and museum (with Statue of Liberty pedestal access), and the National Immigration Museum on Ellis Island. The tour meets at 9:00 a.m. at 24 State Street (at Starbucks) across the street from Battery Park. Nearest subway is the #1 train to South Ferry. Must confirm by October 31 to Kevin Fitzpatrick (\$25 per person) for tickets. SignalCorps@eastcoastdoughboys.com

b) Saturday Tours: Saturday November 10: WWI New York Tour (free). A four-hour tour of sites related to WWI, beginning with a visit to the National 9/11 Museum to see "A Soldiers' Journey" the design maquette of the planned national WWI Memorial. Meet at the museum, 180 Greenwich Street, New York NY 10006, at 12:00 p.m. Lunch at approximately 1:00 at O'Hare's (120 Cedar Street). We will then visit memorials, monuments, and Doughboy sculptures from Lower Manhattan to Midtown. We will end in Central Park at Regimental Grove. (If you want to wear uniforms, let Kevin know. We did last year and it was great).

c) Saturday Dinner: November 10: WWI Dinner and Drinks. 10 November 6:00 p.m. Hill Country BBQ 30 W 26th Street (between 5th and 6th avenues) hillcountry.com RSVP to Kevin for headcount:

2) Parade Line Up: Sunday November 11, 2018

- We will be assembling at 24 St and Broadway at 0900hrs. That's right in front of the Eternal Light Flagstaff. We will form up in front of the WWI float.
- Be present at the assembly point NLT 0900 hrs. We have a lot to do in order to get ourselves organized prior to stepping off at 1100hrs. It is imperative that you show up on time. We are in the first group of marchers and will be very close to the front.
- Vehicles will need to be at the assembly point prior to 0800hrs as roads will be closed at that time. I have not received any information from the UWVF regarding vehicle permits or parking. We will be receiving that info shortly and I will pass it on to you.
- The reviewing stand is now at 26 St and 5 Av. That means we only have 2 blocks to get our "stuff" together.
- The parade now ends at 46 St and we will then turn west on 46 St and be dismissed.
- During the Veterans Day Parade the best spot for family and friends to watch the parade is the corner of 44th and Fifth Avenue. Look for the clock. We finish on 47th and the lunch is one block from here

2) Post-Parade: Sunday November 11, 2018

- After Parade and Lunch: The parade ends on Forty-sixth Street. We will disperse on Forty-seventh Street and walk west. Immediately following the parade Vlad will take our group photos: Steps at 1185 Avenue of the Americas (south side of West 47th Street between 6th and 7th avenues). Then we will walk one block west to the Father Duffy Statue (47th St and 7th Avenue) for a photo in front of the sculpture.
- Lunch. O'Lunney's Times Square (45th St between Broadway and 6th avenue). www.OLunneys.com We will be served a buffet for \$38.60 per person (tax and gratuity is included, beverages are not). Bring cash or card. We have the bar and whole room to us to eat together, sing together, and remember the Centennial together. The restaurant will collect at the table. You can invite your family too.
- Private Walter Allison from Newburgh Brewery will be available for us at O'Lunney's Times Square.

Timeline:

11NOV: Morning of parade timeline

0800 Vehicles Staged at parade site. Initial setup personnel arrive on site.

0900 All arrive personnel on site.

0915 Marching leadership meeting (division leaders)

0930 Roll call, separation into marching divisions, breakoff and square the formation

0930 Stationary and marching drill rehearsal by division

1030 Restroom break

1045 All personnel in position separated by division. Final division leader huddle at the colors.

1050 Moment of silence

1055 5-minute Warning – whistle blast

1100 1-minute Warning – whistle blast (on order from parade marshals)

1102 Unit Called to attention, forward march.

Social Media: In order to get more visibility of this event please make sure to use social media hashtags.

Use the following tags on your photos:

#LongIslandLivingHistoryAssociation

#EastCoastDoughboys

#NYCVeteransDayParade

#NYCVetsDay

#LestWeForget



References & Uniform Wear



1) Puttee wear: If you have issues putting on puttees properly, watch these videos. If you have thick legs, use the criss-cross pattern:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYxgz_pdZVg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ur3seXl8-14>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC6HchXObAo>

2) Manual of Arms Review:

a) Right Shoulder Arms (from the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf_m9o_dJz8

b) Manual of Arms <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHi0fk4-zHY>

3) Parade Formation References: References to parade formation are pulled from the 1904 Infantry Drill Regulations Revised. In order to properly execute the parade minor changes are used pulling from observing photos and video of original parades. For the most part it looks like local unit commanders were authorized to march their formations in whatever prescribed formation they determined at the local level. For the purposes of this parade we are marching in company mass of squads with the squad leaders on the left. We are removing the officer who marches at the center of each platoon and massing officers as the "battalion staff". The two formations we observed the most were the massed column formation or the marching by squad sections on line. Color guards and bands march in various order of march. Sometimes the band is the lead, sometimes the color guard; and the color guard is often put in the middle of the marching formation to break up two companies in column of squads or in company mass.

a) Video references are: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLZxnSdivm8>

b) Page references in the Infantry Drill Regulations United States Army Revised 1904 are: Section 480 Street Parades, Section 127 Close Order Evolutions, Section 91 School of the Battalion, Section 248 Color Guard, Section 253 Post of the Band and Field Music.

4) Other useful items to have the day of the parade:

- Cell phone
- Cell phone charger
- Spare battery for cell
- Metrocard to ride public transportation

5) POC Info for Kevin Fitzpatrick SignalCorps@eastcoastdoughboys.com

Uniform and Equipment:

- 1) **PLEASE LOOK SHARP! This is a parade not combat so your uniform, equipment and rifle must be clean. Period grooming standards must be complied with. We will be inspected prior to stepping off. If you fail to meet the uniform, equipment or grooming requirements you will not be permitted to march.**
- 2) Uniform Instructions
 - Uniform: M1912/1917 wool tunic and pants with tightly wrapped puttees. Unit patches are authorized to be sewn onto the uniform with overseas service chevrons. No ribbons. **No** overcoats.
 - Headgear: Steel helmet and overseas cap. Helmets may have unit emblems painted on.
 - Equipment: Basic WWI webbing of cartridge belt, canteen, first aid pouch. Khaki or pea green is fine. Khaki preferred.
 - Haversack set up as a short pack. Use a small blanket to wrap into the pack to simulate a load. Worn with mess kit pouch filled (can be used for storage)
 - "T" shovel. Strapped to the pack.
 - Gas mask bag. Worn over the right shoulder and ridding on the left hip.
 - Weapon: M1903 Springfield or M1917/P17 rifle. If you do not have a rifle, that is fine we have a section marching not under arms.
 - Bayonet and scabbard. You should also have a bayonet and that it fits on your rifle. Original and reproductions, as well as scabbards, are on EBay.
 - If you are carrying a rifle, keep it in a soft rifle case on the way to/from the parade. You can store the soft case in your haversack or in your mess kit pouch.
- 3) Officer Impressions: Pistols should be dummies, unless you have a NYC license. Otherwise dress uniform with helmet worn. No overcoats. No packs.
- 4) Soldiers from other Allied nations are welcome. Uniforms standards are set by the units that are attending the parade. If allied nations have a flag or banner that is acceptable to march with. Uniform should be parade order.
- 5) Women & Civilians: If you have a female uniform: Military, Hello Girls (Signal Corps), Red Cross, YMCA etc., that is preferred. If you do not, please wear period correct civilian clothing. Uniformed civilians will march behind the main marching element. Civilian impressions will march (walk) behind the vehicles.
- 6) All web gear must be original WWI or reproduction. WWII gear is not acceptable. No trench knives, overcoats, modern cold weather gear.