



August 25 – September 4, 2023

# Nebraska State Fair Color Guard Registration Form

**Deadline August 1, 2023**

*Advance registration is required. Walk-up or day-of registrations will not be allowed.*

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please write legibly as this is what will be announced, if selected to participate)

Date of Charter: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Select your preferred contact method by placing an X in the box next to your mailing address or email.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Onsite Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Onsite Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Entry Information

Please indicate the parade in which you would like to participate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, Aug. 25 – Opening Parade, 6:00 p.m.        | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, Aug. 31 – 6:00 p.m.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Aug. 26 – County Fair Day, 2:00 p.m.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, Sept. 1 – 6:00 p.m.                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Aug. 27 – 2:00 p.m.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Sept. 2 – 2:00 p.m.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, Aug. 28 – Older Nebraskan’s Day, 6:00 p.m. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, Sept. 3 – Fiesta Latina, 2:00 p.m. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, Aug. 29 – 6:00 p.m.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, Sept. 4 – Veteran’s Day, 1:00 p.m. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, Aug. 30 – 6:00 p.m.                     |   |

Please give a brief description of your Color Guard:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of people in the Color Guard \_\_\_\_\_  
(All individuals involved with the Color Guard will be required to have a gate pass)

## Nebraska State Fair Parade Guidelines

Please help make this a safe and fun parade!

1. Throwing or handing out candy, promotional literature or any other items from any entry is prohibited.
2. In order to keep the parade moving at a steady pace, no entries will be allowed to stop.
3. Entries with animals are responsible for cleaning up after their animals.
4. Helmets are required for all terrain vehicles and motorcycles.
5. Entries must provide an entertainment value to the parade.
6. Entries must not be solely of a promotional nature (i.e. promotional vehicles, organization banner, etc.)
7. Entries that are not sponsors or partners with the NSF, that *are* of a promotional nature, must also include an entertainment value.
8. The fair is a family oriented entity. Profanity and inappropriate content will not be tolerated, in the staging area or along the parade route. The NSF has the right to remove any participant who displays this type of conduct.
9. The NSF reserves the right to request a photo or sketch of any entry.
10. Entries must complete the entire parade route.
11. The NSF reserves the right to deny participation to any entry that does not abide by these guidelines. Parade participation is at the discretion of the NSF.
12. Entries and Participants agree to the Color Guard Policy for Nebraska State Fair Celebration Parades (see attached document).

***Parade participation is at the discretion of the Nebraska State Fair. The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to limit the number of units and participants.***

**I hereby certify that I have read and agree to the above information. The person executing this form warrants his/her authority to do so and is of legal age.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail or Fax form to:

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Events Manager  
Nebraska State Fair  
P.O. Box 1387  
Grand Island, NE 68802  
Fax: (308) 384.1555

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## **Color Guard Policy for Nebraska State Fair Celebration Parades**

A committee of representatives from the Nebraska State Fair (NSF), the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), various Veteran services organizations, and U.S. Military Veterans developed these Color Guard protocols based on information outlined on The Daily Flag website, [www.thedailyflag.com](http://www.thedailyflag.com)

Color Guards are welcome to participate in any of the eleven (11) NSF Celebration Parades. The NSF will invite one (1) color guard to be the lead color guard for each of the eleven (11) NSF Celebration Parades, including the NSF Celebration Parade, with a salute to Veterans.

### **Protocol for the daily NSF Celebration Parades:**

After the invited lead color guard, any additional color guards, that pre-register\*\* to participate in the daily NSF Celebration Parades, will be placed after the invited lead color guard, and intermixed with the other parade entries. After the invited lead color guard, registered color guards with military association will be ordered next. The order of military color guards will be according to the date of their congressional charters\*. Color guards associated with Veterans organizations will be ordered after those with military association, and according to their individual date of charter. Color guards that are not of military/Veteran association will be placed after color guards with military/Veteran association, and ordered according to their date of charter. Color guards that do not pre-register will be placed behind the last pre-registered color guard, regardless of military association or date of charter. Again, in the daily NSF Celebration Parades, after the invited lead color guard, all pre-registered color guards will be intermixed with the other parade entries.

### **Protocol for the NSF Celebration Parade, with a salute to Veterans:**

All pre-registered\*\* Veteran or military related parade entries will be placed at the beginning of the parade. Any registered motorcycle associations, including but not limited to, the American Legion Riders and the Patriot Guard Riders, will follow the Veteran/military related parade entries. Because the parade is also the NSF Celebration Parade, there will be entries that are of a "Fair" nature, or a nature unassociated with Veteran/military associations. These entries will follow the motorcycle associations. The antique tractors will be the final element of the parade. If you do not pre-register for the day, you may be placed before or in between any of the Nebraska State Fair pre-registered parade entries.

After the invited lead color guard, any additional color guards, that pre-register\*\* to participate in the parade, will be placed after the invited lead color guard, in groups of 3-4 color guards. These groups will be intermixed within the Veteran/military related parade entries. After the lead color guard, registered color guards with military association will be ordered next. The order of military color guards will be according to the date of their congressional charters\*. \*. Color guards associated with Veterans organizations will be ordered after those with military association, and according to their individual date of charter. Color guards that are not of military/Veteran association will be placed after color guards with military/Veteran association, and ordered according to their date of charter. Color guards that do not pre-register will be placed behind the last pre-registered color guard, regardless of military association or date of charter. Again, after the invited lead color guard, all pre-registered color guard will be placed in groups of 3-4 color guards, ordered according to the outlined protocol, and intermixed within the Veteran/military related parade entries. The invited lead color guard will be the only color guard at the very front of the parade.

\*Military congressional dates of charter are as follows: U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard

\*\*With all NSF Celebration Parades, pre-registration is required for participation. The NSF will make every attempt to accommodate walk-up, day-of parade entries, but the protocol outlined above will not apply to these entries, whether a color guard or other parade entry. In the NSF Celebration Parade, with a salute to Veterans, walk-up/day-of entries will be placed at the end of their corresponding category (Veteran/military entries, motorcycle entries, "Fair" entries, antique tractors). Walk-up/day-of color guard entries will be placed in the last group of color guards. For all other NSF Celebration Parades, walk-up/day-of entries, including color guards, will be placed at the end of the parade, before the antique tractors.