

ANNOUNCING THE EQUESTRIAN UNITS

1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment – Fort Hood, Texas

The 1st Cavalry Horse Cavalry Detachment is a platoon size element with the most elite soldiers. The unit is made up of U.S. Army-owned quarter horses that come matched in size and color - brown to dark brown. The 2023 Rose Parade will be the 18th appearance for the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment.

Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse – Livermore, California

The Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse was founded in the 1940's, primarily as a precision drill team and color guard. Today, the Posse is a dedicated group of volunteers who not only represent the Sheriff's Office in public relations events, but also contribute to the County's Office of Emergency Services.

Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team – Lake View Terrace, California

Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team was founded in 1957 with the focus of teaching horseback riding, mounted drill, leadership, responsibility and teamwork. Blue Shadows has participated in countless parades over its 61-year history, but in 2016 a dedicated parade team was created with the goal of one day participating in the Rose Parade. Since then, Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team has participated in the Rose Parade three times – 2019, 2020 and 2022.

Budweiser Clydesdales

The Budweiser Clydesdales have been the symbol of Anheuser-Busch for more than 75 years. Traveling thousands of miles each year, the Clydesdales have made hundreds of appearances throughout North America, and occasionally overseas, to meet millions of cheering crowds and happy faces.

CA State Guard 26th Mounted Operations Detachment – Long Beach, California

The CA State Guard is part of the California Military Department (CMD). The CMD is comprised of the Army Guard, Air Guard, State Guard and Cadet Corps. The 26th Mounted Operations Detachment represents the CMD at parades, community events, educational functions and mounted color guards at sporting and civic events. Their goal is to educate the public about the CA State Guard and recognize the hundreds of soldiers serving in the CA State Guard and the thousands of state troops serving throughout the country.

International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association – Birmingham, Alabama

The International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association is a culturally diverse group that represents traditional and modern uses of the majestic Andalusian and Lusitano breeds. The mission of this unit is to preserve and promote the Andalusian (originally from Spain) and Lusitanos (originally from Portugal) by showcasing the breeds' amazing beauty, athleticism, diversity and heritage.

Los Hermanos Banuelos – Altadena, California

Los Hermanos Banuelos Charro Team was founded in 1995 by a group of brothers and friends in the San Gabriel Valley from the state of Zacatecas, Mexico. The riders wear authentic, custom-made Charro suits accompanied with their custom "HB" logo. The team's first invitation to the Rose Parade was in 2006 and since then, they have participated in 13 Parades and 14 Equestfests. Los Hermanos Banuelos are proud of their culture and heritage and enjoy sharing it with their fans.

Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers – Citrus Heights, California

Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers are an extreme drill team and when they entertain, crowds jump to their feet. All riders have a 40-hour work week and still find time to strap on their spurs and pull on their chaps to bring a breath-taking spectacle of tricks and pageantry with their beautiful American Painted Horses.

Ramona, California's Official State Outdoor Play, Presented by the Ramono Bowl Amphitheater – Hemet, California

Equestrians of the Ramona Outdoor Play are the same cowboys and Spanish riders portrayed in the play symbolizing mid-19th century California history. The group includes a variety of horse breeds including, Quarter Horse, Molly Mule, Fox Trotter and Thoroughbred. In 2023, the group will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Ramona Outdoor Play, the State of California's Official Outdoor Play and the nation's longest running outdoor drama.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department Mounted Unit – Nuevo, California

The Riverside County Sheriff's Mounted Enforcement Detail was established in 2021 and is comprised of specially trained sworn personnel. Their mission is to assist and complement the Sheriff's Department in serving the community and supporting civic activities including charity events, tactical rescues, memorial and honor deployments, and educational events. The Riverside County Sheriff's Mounted Enforcement Detail includes a variety of traditional American equine breeds, all known for their good-natured intelligence.

Scripps Miramar Ranch – San Diego, California

Scripps Miramar Ranch invites you to step back in time when knights in shining armor wooed their fair ladies. Riding atop Pinto American Saddlebreds riders are dressed for a pageant in long-sleeved medieval velvet robes with many of them wearing crowns. Scripps Miramar Ranch make sure their horses can handle all the sights and sounds of the parade, often playing John Philip Sousa to the horses in the barn to accustom them to marching bands.

Spirit of the West Riders – Arcadia, California

The Spirit of the West Riders have a passion for horses and preserving the American western heritage, they are a living tribute to the equestrians who pioneered the American frontier. The group is comprised of fine western horses of various breeds, coupled with the authentic and colorful outfits of the Old West worn by the riders.

The New Buffalo Soldiers – Shadow Hills, California

The New Buffalo Soldiers represent the 10th Regiment, Company H of the U. S. Cavalry, and was organized in 1992 as a historical interpretation group. The group diligently researches the history of military participation of Black Americans and their goal is to faithfully and continuously portray the correct and accurate historical recreation of the history and the lives of the Buffalo Soldiers who participated in the United States Army during the post-Civil War period.

Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team – Norco, California

The Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team was founded in 2008 and have quickly become known as a rodeo specialty act performing dangerous, high speed, precision maneuvers at a gallop to thrill screaming rodeo fans. The team consists of 12 dedicated horsewomen riding American Paint and American Quarter Horses and their team thrives on their ability to work together and build a relationship of trust between horse and rider, and teammates.

The Valley Hunt Club – Pasadena, California

The Valley Hunt Club sponsored the first Rose Parade in 1890 with horse drawn carriages decorated with fresh flowers. The club's President is honored by riding in the Parade each year. The Valley Hunt Club honors the history of Pasadena and the Rose Parade by dressing in period attire as they make their way down the Parade route in carriages drawn by Friesian horses.

United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard – Barstow, California

The United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard was formed in 1967 by Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers to enhance the image of the Marine Corps and MCLB Barstow in community-sponsored events. The USMCMCG is the last remaining mounted unit in the Marine Corps and plays a key role as a recruitment tool. The Mounted Color Guard rides palomino mustangs captured and adopted from the Bureau of Land Management's Adopt a Horse and Burro Program.