



2024 ROSE PARADE – EQUESTRIAN PARTICIPANTS

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

Marshal: CPT Michael Gates

The 1st Cavalry Horse Cavalry Detachment is a platoon-size unit of the most elite soldiers, who proudly carry the U. S. Army flag. The unit of U.S. Army-owned American Quarter Horses are matched in size and color - brown to dark brown. Each horse has a black bridle emblazoned with brass rosettes and McClellan 1885 Saddles with 1904 quarter strap modifications. The Commander's saddle boasts an officer's pad and breast collar with a brass heart. The riders don 1880s U.S. Cavalry Uniforms, Troopers wear black Stetsons with yellow cords and the Commander with a gold cord. The HCD troopers' uniform represents the late 1800s "Campaign Uniform," comprising a dark blue 1874 five-button wool fatigue blouse, sky-blue wool trousers with rank stripes, traditional 19-inch black leather riding boots with brass spurs featuring 13-point rowels, topped with a black felt cavalry hat for each trooper. The 2024 Rose Parade will be the 19th appearance of the 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment.

Arabian Horse Association Versatile Arabians – Greenwood Village, Colorado

Marshal: Nancy Harvey

Every horse breed in every country can trace its roots to the Arabian horse, the world's oldest and only purebred horse. With more than 15,000 members throughout the U.S. and Canada, the Arabian Horse Association shows the versatility of the Arabian horse and remains the premiere international breed organization for Arabian horses. The current President of the Arabian Horse Association, Deborah Johnson, is riding in the unit, as well as the immediate Past President, Nancy Harvey. This will be the group's seventh Rose Parade appearance and they are eager to share in the celebration of this year's theme, music, as their performances are choreographed and enhanced with music. To quote Katharine Hepburn, the riders and their horses "Listen to the Song of Life" and enjoy their special partnership every day.

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Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team – Lakeview Terrace, California

Marshal: Allyson Wreede

Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team was founded in 1957 to teach horseback riding, mounted drill, leadership, responsibility and teamwork. The Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team brings joy to all and encourages young children to engage in horseback riding, emphasizing the mounted drill team. The group prides itself on the inclusivity of welcoming members to their unit who do not necessarily need to own their own horses. They ride at facilities where rental horses are an option for members to utilize. Blue Shadows has participated in countless parades over its 62-year history and in 2016, a parade team was created to one day participate in the Rose Parade. Their dream came true in 2019, when they made their first trip down Colorado Blvd. Since then, Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team has participated in three more Rose Parades, 2020, 2022, and 2023, and now for their fifth appearance in 2024.

Budweiser Clydesdales – St. Louis, Missouri

Marshal: Richard Rosen

Making their first appearance in 1953, the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales have been the symbol of Anheuser-Busch for more than 75 years. No hitch would be complete without a Dalmatian mascot to lend enthusiastic support along with the iconic Clydesdales towering at 18 hands high (6 feet). This year, the red beer wagon is adorned with a gorgeous array of roses and the finest quality ingredients used to brew Budweiser. Anheuser-Busch worked with its hop and barley growers across the nation to secure the same ingredients used to brew its beer, which were then woven into a garland and used to decorate the wagon. To top it all off, they also incorporated the same beechwood aging chips that every batch of Budweiser is aged on. Budweiser wishes a huge thanks to all the growers across the country for supplying the ingredients used in this year's festivities.

California Cowgirls Drill Team – Wilton, California

Marshal: Melanie Welcher

Celebrating their 30th anniversary, the California Cowgirls' love of horses and all things equestrian is what drives the group to promote their particular discipline as they support the next generation of horsewomen. Their team is made up of real, tried and true Cowgirls from all walks of life. The mission of the California Cowgirls is to enjoy riding with women for the purpose of camaraderie, horsemanship and precision drill, along with individual qualities of commitment, patience, flexibility, pride, imagination and respect. While wearing eye-catching costumes, carrying rippling American flags, and riding beautiful horses in complex maneuvers at top speed, these Cowgirls are the perfect example of play and hard work made easier with the love of country, family, friends and horses.

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Long Beach Mounted Police & Kings County Sheriff's Posse – Long Beach, California and Kings County, California

Marshals: Laurine McCaw, John Fagundes/Sheriff Dave Robinson

Since 1935, Long Beach Mounted Posse has inspired millions of people by riding in hundreds of parades locally and occasionally in other states and countries. The group has participated in the Rose Parade every year from 1946 to 2013, and then again in 2016 and 2018. When applying for the 2024 Rose Parade, the Long Beach Mounted Posse sought out their Northern California brethren, the Kings County Sheriff's Posse, to ride together in the parade. The Kings County Sheriff's Posse led by Sheriff Dave Robinson, is celebrating their 86th year of riding in parades throughout the state, representing the County of Kings as goodwill ambassadors. In addition to representing the County of Kings, the Posse donates funds to support Kings County Sheriff's Office programs including the Explorer Post, K-9 Unit and Mounted Enforcement Unit. The partnership of the Mounted Posse units demonstrates the enduring spirit of tradition, camaraderie and community service, embodying a legacy that spans generations.

Los Hermanos Banuelos Charro Team – Altadena, California

Marshal: Ramon Banuelos

Los Hermanos Banuelos Charro Team was founded in 1995 in the San Gabriel Valley by a group of brothers and friends from the state of Zacatecas, Mexico. The riders wear authentic, custom-made Charro suits accompanied by their custom "HB" logo. They received their initial invitation to the Rose Parade in 2006. Since then, they have participated in the event 14 times and are now gearing up for their 15th appearance. The tack used is also custom-made with their logo stamped on the saddles and their silver spurs. Los Hermanos Banuelos are proud of their culture and heritage and enjoy sharing it with their fans.

The New Buffalo Soldiers – Shadow Hills, California

Marshal: August Simien Jr.

The New Buffalo Soldiers, representing the 10th Regiment, Company H of the U.S. Cavalry, were formed in 1992 for historical interpretation. Initially depicting U.S. Colored Troops from the Civil War, they now meticulously research Black Americans' military history. Their aim is to faithfully recreate the lives of post-Civil War Buffalo Soldiers. This year, they proudly join the 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps - Buffalo Soldiers "Iron Riders," commemorating the 125th anniversary of a pivotal Army-led experiment. This involved 40 Buffalo Soldiers embarking on a 1,900-mile bicycle journey from Montana to Ohio, testing the feasibility of bicycles for military transport. Just as their equestrian gear is authentic, the Iron Riders' bicycles faithfully represent history.

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The Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team – Norco, California

Marshal: Mychon Bowen

Breeds - American Paint Horse, American Quarter Horse and one very beautiful Palomino Appaloosa horse

The Norco Cowgirls are thrilled to ride on Colorado Blvd again as they are “Celebrating a World of Music.” Their music enhances drill performances, adding excitement and expressing their joy in performing. Founded in 2008, the Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team has gained renown for their daring, high-speed maneuvers on horseback thrilling rodeo audiences. Comprising 15 skilled horsewomen riding American Paint and American Quarter Horses, the team's strength lies in their unity, trust, and camaraderie with both their horses and fellow riders. Adorned in sterling silver and rhinestone tack by Dale Chavez, along with custom team saddle pads, their horses are true showpieces. Beyond their performances, they proudly serve as positive role models, supporting youth, veterans, Challenged Children’s Rodeo and the "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" Breast Cancer Campaign. Sponsored by Bailey Hat Co. and Inland Vet of Norco, the Norco Cowgirls continue to make an impact.

Orange County Regional Mounted Enforcement Unit/Western State Mounted Officer Association – Orange County, California

Marshal: Eric Anderson

The Orange County Regional Mounted Enforcement Unit comprises mounted police officers from various police agencies throughout Orange County, California. These officers and their mounts conduct patrols of their communities, ensure major tourist destinations are safe, enhance community relationships, and partner with various youth programs and schools to ensure our youth positively impact the community. These officers also visit local hospitals with their mounts to bring children joy and create an uplifting environment. The unit carries two separate flags, one representing the Orange County Regional Mounted Enforcement Unit and the other being the Western States Mounted Officers Association, which is the organization all riders belong to that certifies the horses to be "police horses" through the state of California.

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Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers – Sacramento, California

Marshal: Jennifer Macias-Sweeney

Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers are more than just a drill team - they are an eXtreme drill team. Crowds jump to their feet when the Painted Ladies perform. 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 breathtaking spectacle of tricks and pageantry with their beautiful painted horses. The Painted Ladies actively bring smiles and entertainment in hopes of brightening someone's life by "Celebrating a World of Music" in all genres. The ladies adorn Swarovski crystal belts with beautifully designed, custom Painted Ladies belt buckles, worn with custom-made chaps of white leather, silver leather fringe, and red and blue stars on the leg. In 2023, the group started a non-profit called Painted Ladies Foundation, for grieving children and young adults who have lost a parent. Throughout the years, the group has had 10 riders who have lost a parent, and each individual has grown stronger from healing love and support of each other and their horses.

Scripps Miramar Ranch – San Diego, California

Marshal: Michele Macfarlane

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 wearing crowns. The pinto American Saddlebred horses of Scripps Miramar Ranch are world famous, thanks to their performance in the closing ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games in Japan, their participation in the late Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Pageant, and having seven immortalized as Breyer Horses toys. In keeping with the parade theme, "Celebrating a World of Music," Scripps Miramar Ranch welcomes renowned Santa Anita Park Bugler, Jay Cohen, who will entertain the crowds with his famous Call to the Post and tunes that may have been played while touring Yellowstone. Cohen played his trumpet in the 1991 and 1999 Rose Parades and has been the bugler at Santa Anita for 34 years.

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Silver Spurs Riding Club Quadrille – Kissimmee, Florida
Marshal: Ashley Fluke

The Silver Spurs Riding Club Quadrille team stands as a testament to timeless equestrian artistry. Comprising eight couples, they unite horsemanship with a square dance, resulting in a mesmerizing display on horseback. With roots tracing back to 1941, the club preserves tradition through choreographed square dance drills, paying homage to moves by the founding members. The team's harmony is a result of synchronized performances and a reflection of deep family bonds. All 16 riders share a unique bond as cousins, maturing amidst equine companionship and collaborative effort. Their connection amplifies their ability to communicate seamlessly during routines, captivating audiences. With a nod to their Florida heritage, the team presents Florida Cracker ponies, acknowledging the historical significance of these equine partners. Riding with Silver Spurs Rodeo flags, the Quadrille dons attire channeling traditional cowboy fashion, transporting spectators to an era of rugged cowboy charm.

Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday Celebration – Washington D.C.
Marshal: Michael Morse

Marking the commencement of Smokey Bear's 80th birthday year, the Pack Stock Center of Excellence (PSCOE) proudly stands at the forefront of this celebration. The unit is a cohort of exceptionally skilled Forest Service professionals, each boasting decades of invaluable wilderness management acumen. Their cumulative expertise spans the Pacific Southwest Region, efficiently catering to the region's forests' localized demands. Throughout the entirety of this jubilee year, a wide array of events will celebrate Smokey's remarkable legacy. The U.S. Forest Service collaborates with a venerable mule team, the distinguished Chief of the Forest Service, and dedicated wildland firefighters, among others, to orchestrate the upcoming year and its activities. Adorned with the emblems of their commitment, PSCOE proudly waves the U.S. Forest Service flag, the state of California flag, and the incredulous American flag, symbolizing their allegiance to service, conservation and the timeless spirit of the wildlands.

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Spirit of the West Riders – Arcadia, California

Marshal: Douglas Larner

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. Unit members don authentic, vibrant, Old West period attire. They also meticulously replicate saddlery and horse tack, extensively researched to mirror the equestrian roles of pioneers who contributed to taming the American frontier from 1840 to 1920. Many of the riders have appeared in Wild West shows, cable television documentaries and feature motion pictures, and have an entertainment value that has been showcased in past Tournament of Roses Equestfest programs. They proudly ride on behalf of the John Wayne Cancer Foundation to bring awareness to the work the foundation does in fighting cancer. Through their performances, they keep the rich stories and unwavering spirit of the Wild West alive, inspiring audiences of all ages with tales of courage, exploration and the enduring legacy of the American frontier.

Valley Hunt Club – Pasadena, California

Marshal: Gerben Leyendekker

In 1890, the Valley Hunt Club embarked on an endeavor that would etch its name into history—the inaugural sponsorship of the Rose Parade. A cavalcade of horse-drawn carriages, adorned with fresh flowers, heralded the dawn of a legacy for the ages, the iconic Rose Parade. This year's President of the Valley Hunt Club, Emilie Lanstra, is riding with her family in an exquisite 1868 C.P. Kimball & Co. Park Drag Carriage, drawn forth by a quartet of matched Friesian horses from the Leyendekker family of Visalia, CA. A seamless blend of an homage to the past and a stake in the future is on display as the Valley Hunt Club honors dresses in period-appropriate attire as they make their way down the parade route. The history of Pasadena and the Rose Parade is and was forever progressed by the legacy of the Valley Hunt Club. The club's unwavering commitment ensures that the parade's spirit of celebration and community will continue to flourish for generations to come.

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Victorian Roses Ladies Riding Society – Alpine, California
Marshals: Jamie Gassert, Deana Sommerville

The Victorian Roses represent the upper-class fashion of the Victorian Era of the 1880s. They not only ride and drive various horses, but also they design and sew their elaborate dresses. The attention to detail continues as each rider carries coordinating parasols matching individual dresses. The Victorian Roses' commitment goes beyond their elegant appearances – they raise funds for horse rescues through their rides, drives, and performances. To date, the group has donated more than \$50,000, becoming a driving force in supporting the well-being of these magnificent creatures. With each ride and drive, they breathe life into the dream of local horse rescue efforts, making a tangible difference for the many horses in need of help. The Victorian Roses embody a timeless aesthetic and a compassionate spirit, as their dedication to the work they do is greatly appreciated for the horses and the lives they touch.

United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard – Barstow, California
Marshal: Christian Drumheller

The U.S. Marine Corps is known as the Nation's premiere force-in-readiness, acquitting themselves in every major battle and conflict since its establishment in 1775. Marines are forward positioned at all times around the globe, ready at a moment's notice to respond to any crisis. The U.S. Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard (USMCMCG) 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 U.S. Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard has been leading the Rose Parade since 1985. 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." The unit proudly carries the American Flag and U.S. Marine Corps Flag.

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