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1st Cavalry Division, Horse Cavalry Detachment
Fort Hood, TX
1st Cavalry Division, Horse Cavalry Detachment will bring a unique display of military horsemanship and history to the Rose Parade, featuring Quarter Horses and draft mules presented in authentic late-1880s U.S. Army historical tack and uniforms. This active-duty group offers spectators an opportunity to experience a distinctive chapter of Army history while witnessing the enduring partnership between Soldiers, horses, and mules.

Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team
Lake View Terrace, CA
Founded in 1957, Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team focuses on teaching horseback riding, mounted drill, leadership, responsibility and teamwork. Structured around the U.S. Cavalry in form and tradition, the youth equestrian team emphasizes military discipline, courtesy and horsemanship. Dedicated volunteers provide a positive environment where young riders can develop their skills and reach their highest potential. Blue Shadows is proud to represent the San Fernando Valley and introduce audiences to the equestrian community. Through its participation in the Rose Parade, the team hopes to inspire others to discover the joy of riding and become part of the Blue Shadows family.

Budweiser Clydesdales
St. Louis, MO
The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales have been part of the Rose Parade for generations, first appearing in 1953. To qualify for the iconic eight-horse hitch, a Clydesdale must meet specific size, color and disposition requirements. Standing approximately 18 hands high, or about 6 feet at the shoulder, fully mature Clydesdales weigh around 2,000 pounds. Hitch horses must be geldings with a bay coat, four white stockings, a white blaze and a black mane and tail. A gentle temperament is essential as these magnificent horses meet millions of people each year.

Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program 250th Ambassador Team, Freedom and Liberty
Cheyenne, WY
The Bureau of Land Management proudly presents Freedom, a wild horse, and Liberty, a wild burro, as living symbols of the American spirit. Traveling across the country as part of the Department of the Interior's Freedom 250 celebration, their journey honors the 250th anniversary of American independence. Along the way, Freedom and Liberty highlight the landscapes, history and ideals that continue to shape our nation and its public lands.

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Disneyland Resort
Norco, CA
The California Working Equitation Club brings a little Disney magic to the Rose Parade with horses that delight guests at Disneyland in Anaheim. Beyond their work at the park, these talented horses and riders participate in Working Equitation, one of the fastest-growing equestrian sports in the world. With roots in the ranching traditions of Spain and Portugal, the sport celebrates the partnership between horse and rider through four phases: dressage, ease of handling through ranch obstacles, speed and working with cattle. As part of USA Working Equitation, the club represents a diverse group of horses and riders, including riders being considered for the United States' first international team.

Hawaii Pa'u Riders
Waimanalo, HI
The Hawaii Pa'u Riders showcase the colorful and beautiful Hawaiian art of pa'u riding, a historic horseback tradition in which riders wear long, flowing skirts and represent the Hawaiian Islands at parades and events throughout Hawaii and the United States. Founded in 1981 by John and Lita Cook of Waimanalo, Hawaii, the Hawaii Pa'u Riders traditionally represent the 10 Hawaiian Islands. The group proudly shares the Aloha spirit wherever they ride, honoring their home, culture and lāhui through the grace, beauty and tradition of pa'u riding.

Los Hermanos Banuelos Charro Team
Altadena, CA
Founded in 1995 by brothers and friends from Zacatecas, Mexico, Los Hermanos Banuelos Charro Team has proudly represented Mexican charro culture throughout the San Gabriel Valley for more than 30 years. The team has performed at Pasadena Unified School District events, LA County Parks programs and community parades. After making its Rose Parade debut in 2006, Los Hermanos Banuelos has participated in 13 Rose Parades and 14 Equestfests. Members wear authentic custom-made charro suits and use saddles and silver spurs featuring their distinctive logo. The team takes pride in sharing its culture and heritage with audiences.

Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers
Sacramento, CA
The Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers are more than a drill team — they are an extreme drill team dedicated to entertaining audiences and creating unforgettable spectacles. Their performances combine precision, speed, and showmanship with beautiful riders and stunning painted horses. Although members work full-time for 40-hour weeks, they make time to pursue their passion for horses and performance. With spurs, chaps and plenty of energy, the Painted Ladies bring excitement to every appearance. Their goal is simple: captivate the crowd, put on a show and leave audiences on their feet.

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Pasadena Police Department's Mounted Enforcement Unit
Pasadena, CA
The Pasadena Police Department's Mounted Enforcement Unit (MEU) brings a distinctive, highly visible presence to the Rose Parade while supporting public safety and community engagement throughout Pasadena. Established in 2025, the unit is managed by a lieutenant and includes seven sworn officers, corporals, and sergeants who partner with privately owned horses to provide specialized law enforcement services across the city. Mounted officers can patrol parks, trails, special events, and other areas where traditional police vehicles may have limited access. Their elevated vantage point, mobility, and approachable presence make them effective for crime prevention, crowd management, community engagement, and public safety. The unit also helps strengthen connections between Pasadena police officers and the community they serve.

San Francisco Sheriff's Mounted Unit
San Francisco, CA
The San Francisco Sheriff's Mounted Unit was formed in 1936 with the mission of advancing the interests of the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, to advertise the City and County of San Francisco and to perpetuate the customs, traditions and pageantry of the early days of the State of California. Today, The San Francisco Sheriff's Mounted Unit continues to support the San Francisco Sheriff's Office through Parades and other Ceremonial appearances, annual Guardians of the Bay exercise support, Charitable contributions and Community outreach.

Scripps Miramar's Omnibus
San Diego, CA
Michele Macfarlane, along with her horses and equestrian team, are world-renowned for their performances at the Olympic Winter Games in Japan, Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Pageant and 41 Rose Parades. Michele started riding in the Rose Parade with her family at age 10 in 1962, following in the footsteps of her parents who began in the 1950s. Michelle was the first woman and only the second amateur to win the Five-Gaited World's Grand Championship. She is also one of just two living riders to have won this title three times on three different horses. Her many honors include the USEF Horse Person of the Year Award and the Pegasus Award.

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Spirit of the West Riders
Tehachapi, CA
Spirit of the West Riders is comprised of men and women with a passion for horses and preserving American Western heritage. The group showcases fine Western horses of various breeds, authentic period-correct attire and carefully researched saddlery and tack representing the equestrian occupations of pioneers who helped shape the American frontier from the 1840s through the 1920s. Their presentation spans the era from the Mountain Man to the Golden Age of Westerns in television and film. Since 2025, the group has also featured a completely restored 1900 Modesto Special chuck wagon pulled by four female mules.

The New Buffalo Soldiers
Shadow Hills, CA
The New Buffalo Soldiers, who represent the 10th Regiment, Company H of the U.S. Cavalry, were organized in 1992 as a historical interpretation group. At first, they focused on portraying the United States Colored Troops who served during the Civil War. Many of these soldiers later became the original Buffalo Soldiers, who served from the end of the Civil War through World War II. Today, the group continues to research and share the history of Black Americans in the U.S. military. Through educational presentations and historical depictions, the New Buffalo Soldiers strive to provide audiences with a deeper understanding of the service and contributions of these soldiers.

The Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team
Norco, CA – Horsetown USA
Founded in 2008 under the direction of Mychon Bowen, the Norco Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team is a rodeo specialty act known for high-speed, precision maneuvers designed to thrill audiences. The team takes pride in serving as positive role models for America's youth while supporting veterans, the Challenged Children's Rodeo and the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" breast cancer campaign. The Norco Cowgirls stand out because of their professionalism, experience, creativity and dedication to perfection. Their performances bring energy, excitement and a true Western spirit to every arena and event.

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The Valley Hunt Club
Pasadena, CA
With over a century of history, the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena is proud to have played the founding role in the inception of the Tournament of Roses Parade in 1890. Five years later, the Parade had become too large for the Club to manage on its own, and the Tournament of Roses Association was founded and has continued as the organizer of the parade and games ever since. The Club continues their beloved Parade tradition each year as members decorate an antique horse-drawn carriage with flowers for its entry which carries the Club President. This year the VHC President, Stephanie Dencik, and her family will be riding in the carriage. This year the carriage and horses are being provided by Circle D Ranch for the Disneyland Resort.

United States Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard
Barstow, CA
The United States Marine Corps is known as the Nation's premier force-in-readiness, serving in every major battle and conflict since its establishment in 1775. The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard was formed in 1967 by officers and non-commissioned officers at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow to enhance the Marine Corps presence at community events. Today, MCLB Barstow's Mounted Color Guard is the last remaining mounted unit in the Marine Corps. The unit rides palomino mustangs adopted through the Bureau of Land Management's Adopt a Horse and Burro Program, carrying on the proud legacy of the Marine cavalry.

Versatile Arabians
Sierra Madre, CA
The Arabian Horse Association represents the Arabian horse breed and serves as the international breed organization responsible for its registration and promotion in the U.S. United by a shared passion for the Arabian horse, the association celebrates the extraordinary bond between horse and rider. Every ride with an Arabian is built on trust, partnership and teamwork. Through its programs and outreach, the Arabian Horse Association welcomes newcomers to discover the breed and the world of horses, sharing what makes Arabian horses beautiful, versatile and unique.

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