# COACHELLA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY MARCHING ARABS MR. DANIEL GRANILLO, DIRECTOR

MAY 24-28, 2024

THE AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER'S

# NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE









### A NATIONAL PARADE TO THANK VETERANS

emorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer. To many people, especially the nation's thousands of combat veterans, this day, which has a history stretching back all the way to the Civil War, is an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country.

In 2004, after a long absence, a parade returned to Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day to coincide with the dedication of the National World War II Memorial. This outpouring of appreciation to the veterans of World War II spilled over to veterans of the more recent conflicts. Anthony A. Williams, former Mayor of Washington, D.C., was so moved by this parade that he was instrumental in reinstating it as an annual event in conjunction with the American Veterans Center and Music Celebrations International.

You are to be commended for organizing this magnificent annual event in the nation's capital to honor those who died in service of their country.

Colin Powell, Retired Four-Star General and Former United States Secretary of State



Now, every year on Memorial Day, this three-hour parade passes alongside the National Mall on Constitution Avenue between 7th and 17th Streets in a magnificent salute to America's Veterans and in honor of those who died in defense of our country. The parade consists of select marching bands and veteran units from each of the 50 states honoring World War I, War World II, The Korean and Vietnam Conflicts, Desert Storm, and the liberation of Grenada, Panama, Iraq and Afghanistan. Large patriotic floats and helium-filled balloons are also part of the procession. More than 10,000 participants take part in the parade each year.

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### NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

May 24 - 28, 2024 (4 nights / 5 days)

### Day 1 Friday, May 24, 2024

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Depart from ONT or LAX via scheduled air service

Arrival in Washington, D.C.

Meet your Tour Manager, who will escort the group through the duration of the tour

Sightseeing may include a panoramic motorcoach tour of Historic Washington, D.C., including a visit to Lafayette Square for a photo opportunity of the White House

Check-in to the hotel

Dinner at a local restaurant

Visit the Marine Barracks for the official Evening Parade in resplendent Full-Dress Marine uniforms (pending confirmation)

Return to the hotel for overnight

### Day 2 Saturday, May 25

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Breakfast at the hotel

Morning sightseeing may include one of the Smithsonian Institution Museums such as the National Air & Space Museum, National Museum of African American History and Culture or Natural History Museum Lunch, on own

Visit the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world Continue the walking tour of Capitol Hill seeing the Supreme Court and Capitol buildings

Dinner at a local restaurant

Evening walking tour of the Lincoln, Korean, Martin Luther King, Jr., Vietnam, National World War II Memorial, a view of the outside of the Washington Monument, as well as the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Return to the hotel for overnight

### Day 3 Sunday, May 26

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Breakfast at the hotel

Self-guided tour the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum *Remember the Children: Daniel's Story* (exhibit located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor) Lunch, on own













Sightseeing may include one of the Smithsonian Institution Museums such as the National Air & Space Museum, National Museum of African American History and Culture or Natural History Museum Dinner at a local restaurant

Attend the official *National Memorial Day Concert* on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, featuring the National Symphony Orchestra and broadcast live on PBS. This Memorial Day Concert will finish with a breathtaking fireworks display over D.C. presented by the Presidential Salute Guns Battery of the 3rd United States Army Infantry Regiment Return to the hotel for overnight

### Day 4 Monday, May 27 Memorial Day (B,L,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Tour of Ford's Theatre, the site of United States President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, and the Petersen House – where on April 15, 1865, President Lincoln died after being shot the previous evening at Ford's Theatre\*

Transfer to parade-staging area on the National Mall where boxed lunch is provided

Coachella Valley High School Mighty Marching Arabs participation in the 2024 National Memorial Day Parade on Historic Constitution Avenue

Afternoon visit to one of the Smithsonian Institution Museums Dinner at a local restaurant

Evening walking tour of the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial Return to the hotel for overnight

### Day 5 Tuesday, May 28

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out and board motorcoach Visit the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery and witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (School/Government Issued ID required for entry for 16 years and older)

Departure for home

<u>This is a very flexible itinerary</u>. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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# NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MUSIC CELEBRATIONS INTERNATIONAL Cost Inclusions & Exclusions COACHELLA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY MARCHING ARABS

4 nights / 5 days		50-52 Paying Per Bus	45-49 Paying Per Bus	40-44 Paying Per Bus	35-39 Paying Per Bus	30-34 Paying Per Bus	25-29 Paying Per Bus
4-Star Quality Hotel (Hilton, Marriott, Sheraton, or similar) Full American Buffet Breakfasts)	Including round- trip airfare	\$1,754	\$1,791	\$1,836	\$1,894	\$1,972	\$2,081
	Land Only (Self-Arranged Airfare)	\$1,104	\$1,141	\$1,186	\$1,244	\$1,322	\$1,431

The price is based on the number of paying participants in each 54 seat motorcoach staying in quad occupancy. Transportation (airfare and chartered bus) is priced as of February 14, 2023, and is subject to change. Fuel surcharges for coaches may apply.

These costs are based on group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent to qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for each individual on tour, a 5% accounting fee applies.

# NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MUSIC CELEBRATIONS INTERNATIONAL Cost Inclusions & Exclusions COACHELLA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

#### COST INCLUSIONS

- ❖ PARADE ARRANGEMENTS: All arrangements for the National Memorial Day Parade by Music Celebrations International, a professional management team, and hundreds of volunteers from the Washington, DC area.
- ❖ AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier from Ontario, CA OR Los Angeles, CA. Air fares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
  - Includes up to \$75 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees and estimated fuel surcharge.
  - **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local coach transportation on arrival, and available for the entire tour.
- **❖ ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations, based on quad occupancy. <u>City center accommodations are available at a supplement upon request.</u>

		Triple Supplement	Double Supplement	Single Supplement
4 night / 5 day	4-Star Quality Hotel:	\$59	\$176	\$527

- ❖ MEALS: Two meals per day plus one boxed lunch (as noted in the Tour itinerary) including breakfast and dinner. Please note that breakfast is not included on day of arrival and dinner is not included on day of departure.
- ❖ TOUR MANAGEMENT: One full-time, professionally-licensed Tour Manager on each motorcoach who meets the group upon arrival and remains until departure to guide all excursions, maximize use of time, and enhance the educational value.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** Entrances are included to all sights listed on the Tour itinerary.
- **WREATH:** Official wreath to be used at your state marker at the WWII Memorial or another Memorial.
- **T-SHIRTS:** One parade t-shirt for each participant.
- **GRATUITIES:** Tips and taxes are paid to Tour Managers, local coach drivers, and hotel personnel.
- **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** \$3M MCI Tour Liability Insurance coverage. Only MCI arranged services (motorcoach, flights, guides, hotels, etc.) will be covered under MCI's Tour Liability Insurance.
- ❖ TRAVEL INSURANCE: Individual travel insurance coverage is included in all MCI programs with MCI arranged airline transportation.

Summary of coverage: \$\ \\$10,000 - Travel Accident \$\ \\$300 - Baggage Coverage \$\ \\$600 - Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay

### **COST EXCLUSIONS**

- ❖ Daily lunches (one box lunch is included on the day of the parade).
- \* Transportation to and from the departure airport.
- ❖ Instrument rental, if needed.
- ❖ Airline luggage fees.
- ❖ Difference between current and actual costs for airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.

### NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MUSIC CELEBRATIONS INTERNATIONAL

### Payment & Cancellation Schedules Coachella Valley High School Mighty Marching Arabs

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$1,500 group deposit (non-refundable)	Due: Needed to Secure Spot in Parade
\$200 per person (non-refundable)	Due: September 1, 2023
25% per person, of total tour costs	Due: November 1, 2023
25% per person, of total tour costs	Due: February 1, 2024
Final Payment (remaining balance)	Due: April 1, 2024

Amount paid is % of the total tour cost, not the balance owed.

#### **CANCELLATION SCHEDULE**

\$200 per person (non-refundable)	Penalty Begins: September 1, 2023
25% per person, of total tour costs	Penalty Begins: December 1, 2023
50% per person, of total tour costs	Penalty Begins: February 15, 2024
100% per person, of total tour costs	Penalty Begins: April 5, 2024

Amount penalized is % of the *total tour cost*, not % of what has already been paid.

This payment schedule is necessary, as MCI has to pay deposits to hotels, coach company and/or airline, tour guides, restaurants, etc, to secure and reserve their services for your tour. MCI cannot make deposits to secure these critical services if MCI does not have money collected for the tour. A delay in payment may compromise services provided, including (but not limited to) transportation costs and hotel location. Punctual payments will contribute to the overall success of the tour.

Please note that the above payment and cancellation schedule is based on the initial deposit date as well as subsequent on-time payments and can be modified with your input and feedback.

This schedule is subject to change should any payment dates be missed.

Group payments made by organization check or cash-equivalent qualify for our lowest discounted prices. If you choose to have MCI handle the accounting and payment processing for any individuals on tour, a 5% accounting fee will be assessed on the full group.



# Safe Travels!

















