

Attention Band Directors;

The Loyalty Days Foundation wishes to invite your Middle or High School Marching Band to participate in the 64th Loyalty Day Festivities. May 3rd & 4th, 2014, are the dates of the 2014 year's salute to patriotism which was initiated in 1950 by the V.F.W.'s , and has continued as an annual event on the Long Beach Peninsula. Long Beach has developed this event into a "Historically Rich Celebration of Patriotism", by recognizing and honoring this great nation of ours. We look forward in preparation for your schools participation.

Our theme for the 64th annual parade is, "**SEA TO SHINING SEA**"

The Parade each year has consisted of over 125-135 units, ranging from floats, bands, drill teams, to equestrian units, clowns, and novelty attractions. Enclosed you will find an entry blank to register your school band. The make-up of High School and Middle School Bands has always been a winning combination of excellence in youth achievement, and their commitment to patriotic efforts in our country.

Last year 17 Middle & High school bands registered for the parade, under the watchful eye of sanctioned W.I.A.A. parade judges. Judging is based according to school size, as set by sports grouping, (B, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A). **Please indicate your official enrollment as of Jan. 2014, (students 9-12 for high school)** when filling out your entry form. It is important for accurate judging and overall fairness that your entry is filled out **completely**. We make every effort to present awards according to equal competition levels, **therefore school units with mixed High School and Middle School, students participating in a school band will be judged as a High School unit**. Bands and Marching units will be judged 60% on performance, 40% on appearance. Please contact us if you are interested in participating in other activities on Saturday.

Saturday morning there will be a Kiddie's Parade in the neighboring city of Ilwaco. Immediately following the parade is the annual Blessing of the Fleet. The public is invited by the Ilwaco Charter Association to come aboard their vessels for the short boat ride to the mouth of the Columbia. This is a traditional ceremony remembering those lost at sea. We also have band performances located at Veterans Field Stage, in downtown Long Beach during the day on Saturday. You are invited to participate in these events by contacting us in advance.

Check in for parade participants will be located at 5th Street So. and Oregon. The check-in booth will open promptly at 9 A.M. Sunday May 4th 2014. Parade formation will begin at 11 A.M. The parade will start exactly at **1:00 p.m.** All units will have an assigned position. **There will be a light lunch served to parade participants starting at 10:00 A.M. Located at Long Beach Fire Station, before the parade.** Serving stops at Noon to assure participants adequate time to get into their line up position for parade start.

If you are planning to attend the parade, Loyalty Days will provide your school band fund \$100.00 to help offset fuel expenditures. These funds are being offered to assist the band with expenses for their participation in Loyalty Days. **Bands will qualify by participating in the event, payment will follow parade participation by mail.**

Buses need to use city parking on 4th & Oregon Street one block East of the main Hwy. and one block from the Long Beach Elementary School which will be available for uniform changing. This area is just 9 blocks from the parade participant's assembly area, and one block from the parade's ending point.

We invite you to join us in this prestigious event. Please fill out the entry form enclosed, and mail to Loyalty Days Foundation P.O. Box 75 Long Beach, Washington 98631. On Line applications are available at www.loyaltydayslongbeach.com Or call Bob & Judi Andrew Co-Chairs for information, (360) 642-4441 daytime, or (360) 642-4218 evenings.

Respectfully Yours

Bob & Judi Andrew
Loyalty Days Foundation