



Attention Band Directors;
Long Beach, WA 98631

The Loyalty Days Foundation wishes to invite your Middle or High School Marching Band to participate in the 69th Loyalty Day Festivities. **May 4th, 5th & 2019**, are the dates of this year's salute to patriotism. In 1950 V.F.W.'s across the country initiated this "Historically Rich Celebration of Patriotism", which has continued as an annual event on the Long Beach Peninsula. We look forward in preparation for your schools participation.

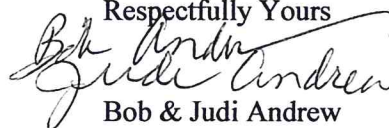
Our theme for the 69th annual parade is, "**STANDING TOGETHER**", and the W.I.A.A. qualified judges do a terrific job in critiquing participating bands in their schools size. Each school gets a copy of the judging sheets to help their students understand areas of strengths and weaknesses. Judging is based according to school size, as set by sports grouping, (B, 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A). **Please indicate your official enrollment as of Jan. 1st, 2018, (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**. Bands and Marching units are judged 60% on performance, 40% on appearance.

Saturday morning is the Kiddie's Parade in neighboring 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 on the Columbia River. This is a traditional ceremony remembering those lost at sea

Check in booth for parade participants will be located at 5th Street So. and Oregon, and opens promptly at 9 A.M. Sunday May 6th, 2018. Parade formation will begin at 11 A.M. and the parade at exactly 1:00 p.m.. **A light lunch will be served to parade participants starting at 10:00 A.M. Located at Long Beach Fire Station, before the parade. The Loyalty Days Foundation will provide your school band with \$100.00 to help offset fuel costs. 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