

PASCO HIGH SCHOOL
BAND PROGRAM
MR. KYLE SPENCE, DIRECTOR

MAY 25-30, 2023

THE AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER'S

NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



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A NATIONAL PARADE TO THANK VETERANS

Memorial 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.

PASCO HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF PIRATES NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

May 26 – 29, 2023 (3 nights / 4 days + 2 days travel)

Day 1 Thursday, May 25, 2023 (D)

Depart Pasco High School via overnight motorcoach
Dinner provided at stop along the way

Day 2 Friday, May 26, 2023 (B,L,D)

Breakfast provided at stop along the way
Arrival into DC with Lunch included at local restaurant
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 Washington to attend the official **Friday Evening Parade** in resplendent Full Dress Marine uniforms – A showcase performance of music and precision marching featuring "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard, and the Marine Barracks Washington Salute Artillery
Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 3 Saturday, May 27 (B,L,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel
Visit and tour the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, on the National Mall. This memorial honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and his passionate efforts for freedom, equality, and justice. An impactful leader in the civil rights movement, Dr. King was a tireless advocate for racial equality, working class, and the oppressed around the world. The centerpiece of the memorial is a 30-foot statue of Dr. King, featuring his likeness carved into the Stone of Hope, which rises from two large boulders, known as the Mountain of Despair. Together, they represent the impactful words from Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Text from this speech is cut clearly into the rock of the Stone: "Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope." This Memorial is the very first African American with a memorial on the National Mall, and only the fourth non-President to be memorialized in such a way
Lunch included
Afternoon detailed tour of the Lincoln Memorial, the most visited Memorial in Washington, DC and the site of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s



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“I have a Dream” speech to over 250,000 live spectators on August 28, 1963. Stand in the very spot that Dr. King stood (now marked with a permanent inscription of “I have a Dream”), as he delivered his speech that was a defining moment of the civil rights movement and among the most iconic speeches in American history. Also learn about the Great March on Washington and the Million Man March, both pivotal civil rights events in our country’s history

Pasco High School Band concert performance on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, as part of Washington D.C.’s “We Have a Dream Concert Series” commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s historic speech*

Dinner included at Ben’s Chili Bowl, a local establishment, dined in by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. prior to his March on Washington

Enjoy an evening illuminated walking tour of the Memorials and Monuments – Vietnam, Korean, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jefferson, Eisenhower, and National World War II Memorials, as well as the Washington Monument

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 4 Sunday, May 28 (B,L,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

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)

Lunch included at local restaurant

Afternoon visit to one or more of the Smithsonian Museums. *(The most visited Smithsonian’s are: The National Museum of American History, The National Air and Space Museum, The National Museum of Natural History, the National Museum of African American History and Culture)*

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

Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 5 Monday, May 29 Memorial Day (B,L,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out and board motorcoach

Tour one or more of the Smithsonian Museums. *(The most visited Smithsonian’s are: The National Museum of American History, The National Air and Space Museum, The National Museum of Natural History, the National Museum of African American History and Culture)*

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

Pasco High School Band of Pirates participates in the National Memorial Day Parade on Historic Constitution Avenue

Following the parade, depart for home via overnight motorcoach

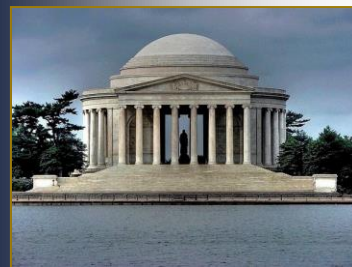
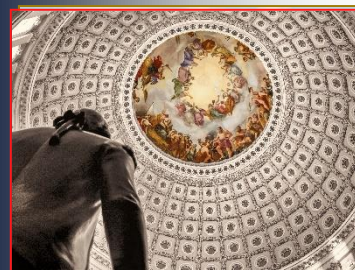
Dinner provided at stop along the way

Day 6 Tuesday, May 30 (B)

Breakfast provided at stop along the way

Late-Morning arrival to Pasco High School

This is a very flexible itinerary.



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3 nights / 4 days		50-52 Paying	45-49 Paying	40-44 Paying	35-39 Paying	30-34 Paying
4-Star Quality Hotel <i>(Hilton, Marriott, Sheraton, or similar) Full American Buffet Breakfasts)</i>	(All Meals included) Including Motorcoach	\$1,055	\$1,098	\$1,151	\$1,219	\$1,309

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 15, 2022, 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.

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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.
- ❖ **CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS:** All performances and workshops, including necessary clearances or permits, and the following as needed: *For Concert Bands* – chairs.
- ❖ **CONCERT PROMOTION:** Official recognition, quality concert venues and publicity.
- ❖ **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by deluxe motorcoach from **Dade City, FL** based on afternoon arrival. Extended hours or overnight driving may incur additional charges for relief drivers.
- ❖ **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations, based on quad occupancy. City center accommodations are available at a supplement upon request.

	<u>Triple Supplement</u>	<u>Double Supplement</u>	<u>Single Supplement</u>
<i>4-Star Quality Hotel:</i>	\$44	\$132	\$395

- ❖ **MEALS:** Meals as noted in the itinerary. Includes 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches (including one boxed lunch) and 5 dinners.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **GRATUITIES:** Tips and taxes are paid to Tour Managers, 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.

COST EXCLUSIONS

- ❖ Instrument rental, if needed.

Safe Travels!



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