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TO: Whom it may concern

FROM: Idaho Division of Veterans Services
SUBJECT: **Order of Preference for Color/Honor Guard units in a Parade**

First in order of preference would be a multi-Service unit that carries flags for each of the branches of the Military

Next in order of preference would be individual units representing a specific branch, in this order:

Army
Marine Corps
Navy
Air Force
Coast Guard
Merchant Marine
Army National Guard
Army Reserve
Marine Corps Reserve
Naval Reserve
Air National Guard
Air Force Reserve
Coast Guard Reserve
ROTC (using the same branch order)
JROTC (using the same branch order)

Next in order of preference would be units representing Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) chartered by the U.S. Congress, in alphabetical order (for an up-to-date list refer to https://veterans.house.gov/citizens/resources):

American Ex-Prisoners of War
American Legion
AMVETS
Blinded Veterans Association
Catholic War Veterans
Congressional Medal of Honor Society
Disabled American Veterans
Jewish War Veterans

Legion of Valor
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Military Order of the World Wars
National Association for Black Veterans
Paralyzed Veterans of America
The Retired Enlisted Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Veterans of the Vietnam War
Vietnam Veterans of America

Next in order of preference would be units representing First Responder departments, in this order:
Law Enforcement
Fire
EMS, HAZMAT, etc.

Within each of those groups, the priority is as follows – Federal, state, county, city (capitol city first and then alphabetically), town, township, unincorporated

Next in order of preference would be units representing civic and patriotic groups, in alphabetical order
Civil Air Patrol, etc.

Next in order of preference would be non-Military-affiliated units representing schools, in this order:
College
Junior College or Trade school
High school
Elementary school

Rest of Parade