



Scottish American Military Society

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ATTENTION ON DECK! GIVE YOUR ATTENTION TO THE COMMANDER'S BRIEFING

As we all know, in 2026, America marks 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the milestone will be celebrated on stages across America. But nowhere will the celebration be more spectacular than in the nation's capital.

America's National Independence Day Parade takes place annually on July 4th at 11:45 am in Washington, D.C., on Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th Street before a street audience of hundreds of thousands of spectators. The Parade consists of invited bands, fife and drum corps, floats, military and specialty units, giant balloons, equestrian, drill teams, VIP's, national dignitaries, and celebrity participants. The Parade is a major national event which seeks to draw the attention of Americans to the real meaning for the holiday. It is a patriotic, flag-waving, red white and blue celebration of America's birthday!

A short time ago SAMS received the following from the United States Department of the Interior and the National Park Service:

We are pleased to invite the SCOTTISH-AMERICAN MILITARY SOCIETY ... to apply to participate in America's National Independence Day Parade in Washington DC on July 4, 2026, commemorating the 250th anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence (1776-2026).

This is truly an amazing opportunity. Not only will we be able to participate in honoring our country as she so rightly deserves, but we will also be able to garner our society national recognition on a truly international stage. The thought of a host of kilted veterans led by a pipe band and kilted color guard has me bursting with pride.

Not surprisingly, the work we will have to do to make this an event we can be proud of will require careful planning and execution. Here are our initial steps and how you can help:

1. As soon as possible we need to know if you CAN or MIGHT be able to attend. We are not necessarily looking for a firm commitment. We just need some sort of idea of who may be coming from where to prepare a detailed plan.
2. If you would like to help in some way, let us know. Many hands make light work.
3. Spread to word far and wide, even if you cannot participate. (What a potentially great recruiting tool for membership in SAMS.)

For more information contact our lead for the event:

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See you in DC on July 4th.
Mike



"with fire and sword"