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MEMORANDUM FOR All Army and Air National Guard Units Participating in Parades or Public Displays

SUBJECT: TAG Policy Letter #33, Command Guidance for Parades and Military Equipment Used for Public Displays

1. The Kansas National Guard supports the communities where we work and raise our families. As part of the community, we share in the seasonal celebrations and special events conducted throughout the year. Units requested to participate in a parade or static or public display with military equipment will forward the request through the appropriate chain of command to the proper approval authority.
2. The safety of the public in, on or around equipment is a priority. All safety systems for equipment as directed by the Technical Manual or other regulatory guidance will be in place prior to public access to equipment. Military personnel, trained on the equipment, will limit access to potential hazard areas. Military personnel will direct access and assist as needed to eliminate accidents or injuries to the public or damage of equipment. If personnel are not present to direct and assist around equipment, barriers and signage will be utilized to restrict access to equipment.
3. Military equipment being driven in parades will have licensed and experienced drivers operating equipment. Equipment will have ground guides posted as safeties on both sides of the vehicle while on parade route or around the public. Maximum speed of track or wheeled vehicles will not exceed 3 MPH or a speed at which the ground guide can safely walk on parade route. Ground guides will keep public at a safe distance from the front and sides of wheeled and tracked vehicles while in motion and maintain visual contact with the operator of equipment. Operator will stop vehicle at any time visual contact with ground guides is restricted or lost.
4. It is prohibited to throw or distribute candy or other items from vehicles to spectators any time the vehicle or equipment is in motion. T-Shirt cannons are prohibited for use by personnel operating or riding as passengers on a military vehicle during a parade. Distribution of items may be performed by personnel not acting as ground guides or riding as a passenger on military equipment.
5. All units requested to participate in public events will evaluate and mitigate hazards associated with public access in/on and around equipment. Units will restrict access to potential hazard areas of equipment and protect equipment from damage. Units will perform a safety brief to public requesting to climb on or in military equipment.
6. Point of contact for this memorandum is the State Safety Manager at (785) 646-0047.
7. This policy supersedes TAG Policy #33 dated 24 June 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David A. Weishaar".

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The Adjutant General