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Roscoe VFW Post 2955
Attn: Ruben Hernandez
11385 2nd Street
Roscoe, IL 61073

Re: VFW Post 2955 Memorial Day Parade Application

Dear Commander Hernandez

Thank you for submitting your application for the VFW Post 2955 Memorial Day Parade. As discussed at our meeting on March 20, 2024, the Village received extensive feedback from village residents about the 2023 parade. Unfortunately, the feedback highlighted that the event did not fully meet the community's expectations, illustrating the complexities involved in organizing and executing a parade of this scale.

We recognize the extensive planning and resources required to successfully orchestrate such an event. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of our residents, it is crucial to allow adequate time for coordination with multiple village departments, including police, fire, and public works, and often includes engaging external agencies for additional support. With the event date approaching in less than five weeks, and without a completed list of participants, there is insufficient time for our teams to develop and implement the necessary safety measures. Therefore, we regret to inform you that the Village of Roscoe must decline your application to host the Memorial Day parade scheduled for May 27, 2024.

The Village remains supportive of the Roscoe VFW Post 2955 and appreciates the honor and recognition you bring to our local veterans. As an alternative, we encourage you to hold a Memorial Day ceremony at the Roscoe Cemetery, which has been a solemn and fitting tribute in the past. Should you require any assistance from the Village for this type of ceremony or have other concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your understanding and continued dedication to our community.

Warm regards,

Vic Wilder
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