

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE CITRUS HEIGHTS *story and photos by KEN BLUE*

With a good portion of our chapter attending the Nation Convention up in Portland, Oregon, This years' participation was cut in size. I wish to give credit to those members who did participate: Lyle Fagan, Larry Lydon, Richard Harrington, James Smith and myself. Lyle and Richard marched and carried our flags. I followed in my Durango with the magnetic AMMV signs attached.. Jim Smith in



his own car had the magnetic Merchant Marine flags attached, The crowd along the parade route



seemed larger this year and we received several bursts of applause along the route I must report that it was windy that day which made the hand held flags difficult to control. Special credit goes to Lyle and Richard for going the distance of the line of march under these conditions.



I attended the festivities at the VFW Hall on U street. and enjoyed the hot dog and beer.as well as the award ceremony where the judges handed out trophies to the unit winners. Many of the young participants were happy and cheering at winning an award and I enjoyed seeing their enthusiasm. Photos left Rich Harrington and Lyle Fagan. Photo right with the American Flag..Rich Harrington. Larry Lyden backup.

### **Dues Are Due at National at beginning of Fiscal Year July 1, 2008**

Everyone has received their request for their current dues which are to be at National by the end of this month. In the past I have tried to hold back the dues until I was able to get as many as possible to submit. We have been asked by our President to be prompt so we will adhere to the wishes of National this year and send them in promptly regardless of how many members have complied. This might mean that some will not be included and must be reinstated for membership. We will get you on board regardless but



please get those dues to us ASAP so we will be able to count you as a member. Bob photos left

Indian color guard starts Portland Confer right..PaddleWheeler on the Columbia River. at Portland..



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