

**Months of planning has gone into this year's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Boone- and it's almost here.**

**According to Downtown Boone Development Association's Tuesday Rice, the Grand Marshals, the 1451<sup>st</sup> Transportation Company, is one of the highlights this year.**

It's a great opportunity to support our troops.

After the 2:00 parade, stick around. A watermelon carving contest is being held after the parade at the Jones House.