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# Downtown Alliance Commemorates 204 Canyon of Heroes Parades

**New York, NY, (Tuesday, June 15, 2010)** — Soldiers. Kings. Sea captains. A pope and a concert pianist. Since the first ticker-tape parade was held in 1886, the Canyon of Heroes has hosted 204 marches up Broadway—celebrating achievements of all shapes and sizes. And the Downtown Alliance has commemorated each one with a granite strip along the parade route—from the Battery to City Hall.

Here is a comprehensive listing of each event:

1. October 28, 1886. Dedication of the Statue of Liberty
2. April 29, 1889. Centennial of George Washington's inauguration as first President of the United States
3. September 30, 1899. H Adm. George Dewey, hero of the Battle of Manila during the Spanish American War
4. June 18, 1910. Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States on his return from an African safari
5. May 9, 1917. Joseph J. C. Joffre, Marshal of France
6. September 8, 1919. Gen. John J. Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I
7. October 3, 1919. Albert and Elizabeth, King and Queen of the Belgians
8. November 18, 1919. Edward Albert, Prince of Wales
9. October 19, 1921. Gen. Armando V. Diaz, Chief of Staff of the Italian army
10. October 21, 1921. Adm. Lord David Beatty, Commander of the British and Allied fleets during World War I
11. October 28, 1921. Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, Commander of the Allied armies during World War I

12. November 18, 1922. Georges Clemenceau, Premier of France during World War I
13. October 5, 1923. David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Great Britain during World War I
14. August 6, 1924. U.S. Olympic athletes, on their return from the Paris Games
15. February 16, 1926. Capt. George Fried and the crew of the steamship *President Roosevelt* for rescuing the crew of the British freighter *Antinoe*
16. May 27, 1926. Gustaf Adolph and Louise, Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden
17. June 23, 1926. Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett for the first flight over the North Pole.
18. July 2, 1926. Bobby Jones, British Open champion
19. August 27, 1926. Gertrude Ederle, first woman to swim the English Channel
20. September 10, 1926. Mille Gade Corson, first mother and second woman to swim the English Channel
21. October 18, 1926. Marie, Queen of Rumania
22. June 13, 1927. Charles A. Lindbergh, for the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight
23. July 18, 1927. Double parade for two separate transatlantic flights, one by Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd, Lt. George O. Noville, Bernt Balchen, and Bert Acosta, and the other by Clarence D. Chamberlin and Charles A. Levine
24. November 11, 1927. Ruth Elder, first woman to attempt a transatlantic flight, with pilot George Haldeman
25. January 20, 1928. William Cosgrave, President of Ireland
26. April 30, 1928. Capt. Hermann Koehl, Maj. James Fitzmaurice and Baron Guenther Von Huenefeld for the longest westward transatlantic flight
27. May 4, 1928. Prince Ludovico Potenziani Spada, Governor of Rome
28. July 6, 1928. Amelia Earhart, first woman to complete a transatlantic flight, with pilot Wilmer Stulz and Louis E. Gordon
29. October 16, 1928. Dr. Hugo Eckener and the crew of the dirigible *Graf Zeppelin* for the first commercial transatlantic flight
30. January 28, 1929. Capt. George Fried, Chief Officer Harry Manning, and the crew of the steamship *America* for rescuing the crew of the Italian freighter *Florida*
31. October 4, 1929. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain

32. April 29, 1930. Henry Lewis Stimson, Secretary of State, and U.S. delegates returning from the London naval disarmament conference
33. May 26, 1930. Marquis Jacques De Dampierre and family, descendants of the Marquis De Lafayette, passengers on the maiden voyage of the French ocean liner *Lafayette*
34. June 11, 1930. Dr. Julio Prestes De Albuquerque, President-elect of Brazil
35. June 18, 1930. Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd for his first Antarctic expedition and flight over the South Pole
36. July 2, 1930. Bobby Jones, British Open champion
37. September 3, 1930. Capt. Dieudonné Costes and Maurice Bellonte for the first nonstop transatlantic flight From Paris to Long Island
38. July 2, 1931. Wiley Post and Harold Gatty for their flight around the world (eight days, 15 hours and 51 minutes)
39. September 2, 1931. Olin J. Stephens Jr. and the crew of the *Dorada*, winners of a transatlantic yacht race from Newport, R.I., to Plymouth, England
40. October 22, 1931. Pierre Laval, Premier of France
41. October 26, 1931. Henri Philippe Pétain, Marshal of France
42. November 30, 1931. Dino Grandi, Foreign Minister of Italy
43. June 20, 1932. Amelia Earhart for the first solo transatlantic flight by a woman
44. July 21, 1933. Italian Air Marshal Italo Balbo and the crews of 24 seaplanes for their flight from Rome to Chicago
45. July 26, 1933. Wiley Post for the first solo flight around the World (seven days, 18 hours and 49 minutes)
46. August 1, 1933. Pilots Amy Johnson and Capt. James A. Mollison, the first married couple to fly the Atlantic
47. September 3, 1936. Jesse Owens and members of the U.S. Olympic team on their return from the Berlin games
48. July 15 1938. Howard Hughes and crew for their record-breaking flight around the world (three days, 19 hours and eight minutes)
49. August 5, 1938. Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan for his flight from New York to Ireland instead of his "intended" destination of California
50. April 27, 1939. Olav and Martha, Crown Prince and Princess of Norway

51. May 1, 1939. Rear Adm. Alfred W. Johnson, officers and men of the Atlantic squadron of the U.S. fleet
52. June 19, 1945. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in World War II
53. August 27 1945. General Charles de Gaulle, President of the Provisional Government of France
54. September 13 1945. Gen Jonathan M. Wainwright, hero of the battles of Bataan and Corregidor in World War II
55. October 9, 1945. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Commander of the Navy's Pacific fleet in World War II
56. October 27, 1945. Harry S. Truman, President of the United States
57. December 14, 1945. Fleet Adm. William F. Halsey Jr., Commander of the Navy's Third fleet In World War II
58. March 15, 1946. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Great Britain during World War II
59. October 23, 1946. Delegates to the first plenary session of the General Assembly of the United Nations
60. October 25, 1946. Col. Clarence S. Irvine, Commander of the B29 *Dreamboat*, and his crew of Army airmen for their Honolulu-to-Cairo flight over the North Pole
61. January 13, 1947. Alcide De Gasperi, Premier of Italy
62. February 7, 1947. Harold Alexander, Viscount of Tunis, Field Marshal of the British Armies in World War II, and Governor General of Canada
63. May 2, 1947. Miguel Aleman, President of Mexico
64. June 9, 1947. Willie Turnesa, British amateur golf champion, and fellow members of the victorious American Walker Cup team
65. November 5, 1947. Officers and crew of the French warship *Georges Leygues* for bringing rare French tapestries for exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art
66. November 18, 1947. Friendship train bearing gifts and supplies from the United States to Europe
67. March 9, 1948. Eamon De Valera, former Prime Minister of Ireland
68. July 7, 1948. Rómulo Gallegos, President of Venezuela

69. February 3, 1949. French gratitude train bearing gift from France to the United States in appreciation of the friendship train
70. May 19, 1949. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Military Governor of Germany and commander of the Berlin airlift
71. May 23, 1949. Eurico Gaspar Dutra, President of Brazil
72. August 11, 1949. Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines
73. August 19, 1949. Connie Mack on his 50th year as Manager of the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team
74. September 16, 1949. Forty-eight European journalists in celebration of Freedom of the Press Day during their U.S. tour
75. October 4, 1949. Raymond A. Garbarina Memorial Post 1523 for winning the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps National Championship
76. October 17, 1949. Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India
77. November 21, 1949. Mohammed Reza Pahlevi, Shah of Iran
78. April 17, 1950. Gabriel Gonzalez Videla, President of Chile
79. April 28, 1950. Adm. Thomas C. Kinkaid, hero of World War II naval battles and retiring commander of the Navy's eastern sea frontier and the Atlantic reserve fleet
80. May 8, 1950. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan
81. May 9, 1950. Fernando Casas Aleman, Governor of Mexico City Federal District
82. May 10, 1950. Ten foreign mayors attending the 18th annual U.S. Conference of Mayors
83. June 2, 1950. Fourth Marine Division Association veterans of Pacific battles in World War II
84. August 4, 1950. Robert Gordon Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia
85. August 22, 1950. Lt. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, Commander of U.S. armed forces in Europe
86. August 31, 1950. William O'Dwyer upon his resignation as Mayor of New York City
87. April 3, 1951. Vincent Auriol, President of France
88. April 20, 1951. Gen. Douglas MacArthur
89. May 9, 1951. David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel

90. May 24, 1951. U.S. Army Fourth Infantry Division, Eighth Regimental Combat Team, the first NATO troops to be sent overseas
91. June 25, 1951. Galo Plaza Lasso, native New Yorker and President of Ecuador
92. September 17, 1951. Sir Denys Lawson, 623rd Lord Mayor of London
93. September 28, 1951. Alcide De Gasperi, Premier of Italy
94. October 8, 1951. New York National Guard's 165th Infantry Regiment on its centennial
95. October 29, 1951. Fifty wounded United Nations veterans of the Korean War
96. November 13, 1951. Women in the Armed Services
97. January 17, 1952. Capt. Henrik Kurt Carlsen for his heroic attempt to save his sinking ship, the *SS Flying Enterprise*
98. April 7, 1952. Juliana, Queen of the Netherlands, and Prince Bernhard
99. May 14, 1952. Mayors of 250 cities attending the 20th annual U.S. Conference of Mayors
100. July 7, 1952. Send-off of U.S. Olympic team to the Helsinki games
101. July 18, 1952 Commodore Harry Manning, Chief Engineer William Kaiser, and crew of the *SS United States* for setting a transatlantic speed record
102. December 18, 1952. Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger, retiring Commander of the First Army
103. January 30, 1953. Vice Adm. Walter S. Delany, Commander of the Navy's Eastern Sea Frontier and the Atlantic reserve fleet
104. April 3, 1953. Metropolitan New York combat contingent, the first U.S. Army troops to return from the Korean War
105. April 24, 1953. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, retired Commander of the United Nations ground troops in Korea
106. May 26, 1953. New York City departments and units of the armed services to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the laying of City Hall's cornerstone
107. July 21, 1953. Ben Hogan, British Open champion
108. October 1, 1953. Jose Antonio Remon, President of Panama
109. October 20, 1953. General Mark W. Clark, retiring Commander of U.S. forces in the Far East

110. October 26, 1953. Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, hero of Taejon and prisoner of war for three years during the Korean War
111. November 2, 1953. Paul I and Frederika, King and Queen of Greece
112. November 5, 1953. Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle and marching units from the armed forces in observance of the 50th anniversary of powered flight
113. December 21, 1953. One-hundred forty-four convalescing Korea War veterans from the New York metropolitan area
114. February 1, 1954. Celal Bayar, President of Turkey
115. March 31, 1954. Four-thousand New York City firefighters in observance of Firemen's Day
116. April 22, 1954. Veterans of the 45th Thunderbird Infantry Division on their return from the Korean War
117. June 1, 1954. Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia
118. July 26, 1954. Geneviève De Galard-Terraube, a nurse known as the angel of Dienbienphu for staying with wounded French soldiers in Vietnam
119. August 2, 1954. Syngman Rhee, President of South Korea
120. September 27, 1954. New York Giants, National League champions
121. October 28, 1954. William V. S. Tubman, President of Liberia
122. November 19, 1954. Lt. Gen. Withers A. Burrell, retiring Commander of the First Army
123. January 31, 1955. Paul Eugene Magloire, President of Haiti.
124. March 1, 1955. New York Chapter of the American Red Cross, kicking off its 1955 fund-raising campaign
125. April 15, 1955. Three-thousand New York City firefighters in observance of Firemen's Day
126. August 11, 1955. Order of the Knights of Pythias
127. November 4, 1955. Carlos Castillo Armas, President of Guatemala
128. December 9, 1955. Luis Batlle-Berres, President of Uruguay
129. March 12, 1956 Giovanni Gronchi, President of Italy
130. May 23, 1956. Sukarno, President of Indonesia

131. August 30, 1956. Three-thousand volunteer firefighters attending the 84th annual convention of the New York State Firemen's Association
132. May 2, 1957. Sixty-two U.S. Navy And Marine veterans of World War II and the Korean War
133. May 13, 1957. Ngo Dinh Diem, President of South Vietnam
134. July 2, 1957. Capt. Alan J. Villiers and the crew of the replica ship *Mayflower II*
135. July 11, 1957. Althea Gibson, Wimbledon women's champion
136. October 21, 1957. Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
137. May 20, 1958. Van Cliburn, first winner of Moscow's International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition
138. June 20, 1958. Theodor Heuss, President of the Federal Republic of Germany
139. June 23, 1958. Carlos P. Garcia, President of the Philippines
140. August 27, 1958. Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, Cmdr. William R. Anderson, and the crew of the *Nautilus*, the first nuclear submarine
141. January 29, 1959. Dr. Arturo Frondizi, President of Argentina
142. February 10, 1959. Willy Brandt, Mayor of West Berlin
143. March 13, 1959. Jose Maria Lemus, President of El Salvador
144. March 20, 1959. Sean T. O'Kelly, President of Ireland
145. May 29, 1959. Baudouin I, King of the Belgians
146. September 11, 1959. Beatrix, Princess of the Netherlands
147. October 14, 1959. Adolfo Lopez Mateos, President of Mexico
148. November 4, 1959. Sékou Touré, President of Guinea
149. March 9, 1960. Carol Heiss, women's Olympic figure-skating champion
150. April 11, 1960. Dr. Alberto Lleras Camargo, President of Colombia
151. April 26, 1960. Charles de Gaulle, President of France
152. May 2, 1960. Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev and Ratna Rajya Lakshmi Devi Sha, King and Queen of Nepal
153. July 5, 1960. Bhumibol Adulyadej and Sirikit, King and Queen of Thailand

154. October 14, 1960. Frederick IX and Ingrid, King and Queen of Denmark
155. October 19, 1960. Senator John F. Kennedy, Democratic presidential nominee
156. November 2, 1960. Dwight Eisenhower, President of the United States, and Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Republican nominee for President
157. May 11, 1961. Habib Bourguiba, President of Tunisia
158. July 14, 1961. Mohammad Ayub Khan, President of Pakistan
159. September 22, 1961. Manuel Prado Ugarteche, President of Peru
160. October 13, 1961. Gen. Ibrahim Abboud, Sudanese leader
161. October 27, 1961. Capt. Thomas J. Walker, crew and builders of the *USS Constellation*, the world's largest aircraft carrier
162. March 1, 1962. Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr., first American to orbit the earth
163. March 16, 1962. Ahmadou Ahidjo, President of Cameroon
164. March 21, 1962. Sylvanus Olympio, President of Togo
165. April 5, 1962. João Goulart, President of Brazil
166. April 12, 1962. New York Mets, new National League baseball team
167. April 16, 1962. Mohammed Reza Pahlevi, Shah of Iran, and Empress Farah
168. May 25, 1962. Félix Houphouët-Boigny, President of the Ivory Coast
169. June 8, 1962. Archbishop Makarios III, President of Cyprus
170. June 14, 1962. Roberto F. Chiari, President of Panama
171. April 1, 1963. Hassan II, King of Morocco
172. May 22, 1963. Maj. L. Gordon Cooper Jr., Mercury astronaut who orbited the earth 22 times
173. June 10, 1963. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, President of India
174. September 10, 1963. Mohammed Zahir Shah and Homaira, King and Queen of Afghanistan
175. October 4, 1963. Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia
176. July 16, 1964. Crews of sailing vessels participating in Operation Sail

177. September 3, 1964. Staten Island's Mid-Island All-Stars, Little League World Series champions
178. October 8, 1964. Diosdado Macapagal, President of the Philippines
179. March 29, 1965. Maj. Virgil I. Grissom and Lt. Cmdr. John W. Young, Gemini III astronauts
180. May 19, 1965. Park Chung Hee, President of South Korea
181. June 1, 1965. Four-thousand five-hundred firefighters celebrate the 100th anniversary of New York City's first professional fire department
182. January 10, 1969. Lt. Col. Frank Borman, Lt. Col. William A. Anders, and Capt. James A. Lovell Jr., Apollo 8 astronauts, the first men to see the far side of the moon
183. August 13, 1969. Neil A. Armstrong, Col. Buzz Aldrin, and Lt. Col. Michael Collins, Apollo 11 Astronauts, for the first manned moon landing
184. October 20, 1969. New York Mets, World Series champions
185. July 6, 1976. Crews of sailing vessels participating in Operation Sail for the United States Bicentennial
186. October 19, 1977. New York Yankees, World Series champions
187. October 19, 1978. New York Yankees, World Series champions
188. October 3, 1979. Pope John Paul II
189. January 30, 1981. U.S. hostages released from Iran after 444 days in captivity
190. August 15, 1984. U.S. Olympic medal winners from the Los Angeles games
191. May 7, 1985. Vietnam War veterans
192. October 28, 1986. New York Mets, World Series champions
193. June 20, 1990. Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress
194. June 10, 1991. Persian Gulf War veterans
195. June 25, 1991. Korean War veterans
196. June 17 1994. New York Rangers Stanley Cup champions
197. October 29, 1996. New York Yankees World Series champions
198. October 17, 1998. Sammy Sosa, Chicago Cubs baseball player, who tied the single-season home-run record

199. October 23, 1998. New York Yankees, World Series champions
200. November 16, 1998. Senator John Glenn and fellow crew members of the U.S. space shuttle *Discovery*
201. October 29, 1999. New York Yankees, World Series champions
202. October 30, 2000. New York Yankees, World Series champions
203. February 5, 2008. New York Giants, Super Bowl XLII champions
204. November 6, 2010. New York Yankees, World Series champions

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