

# news release

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## **A-MRAZEK MOVING SYSTEMS TEAMS UP WITH MARINES FOR MARDI GRAS PARADE CELEBRATION**

*St. Louis-based United Van Lines agent donates tractor, trailer and drivers*

ST. LOUIS – A-Mrazek Moving Systems, an agent for United Van Lines, and the Marine Corps League’s South St. Louis Marines Detachment are joining forces to participate in the St. Louis Mardi Gras Pyramid Grand Parade being held Feb. 17.

“A-Mrazek's Marines” is the name of the combined-group krewe, and the 2007 parade marks the first for this krewe. To make the float possible, A-Mrazek has donated the use of a tractor and a flatbed trailer. Calling upon their professional skills, two drivers from the moving company will operate the float.

The float’s theme, “Flags of Our Fathers,” is a tribute to the U.S. Military and Marine Corps. Those of the krewe not dressed in their military uniforms will wear patriotic apparel. To further pay homage to the military, the U.S. Marines Corps will have a Color Guard accompany the float.

The trailer will be decorated at A-Mrazek’s location in Kirkwood, Mo. The float requires specific design factors and Ray Coplin, third-party specialist for A-Mrazek, will oversee the construction.

Along with the Marine Corps League, volunteers from A-Mrazek will serve as "walkers" behind the float, wheel walkers along side the float and bead-throwers on the float. The Mardi Gras Pyramid Grand Parade is an annual community event and features floats, marching bands, colorful masks and costumes as it travels from Downtown St. Louis through the historic Soulard neighborhood. In addition to the parade, the Mardi Gras festivities consist of events including a tasting of the fare from local restaurants and a pet parade.

The South St. Louis Marines Detachment is the largest unit of it's type in Missouri and serves the community through a variety of not-for-profit services with particular emphasis on serving Marines and veterans.

*About A-Mrazek*

Founded in 1904, A-Mrazek Moving Systems, Inc., offers a full range of moving and storage services throughout the country and the world. The company has more than 45 employees, 25 household goods drivers, 13 special services drivers and five local performance crews. More information about A-Mrazek and its services can be found at [www.a-mrazek.com](http://www.a-mrazek.com).

*About United Van Lines*

United Van Lines, with headquarters in suburban St. Louis, maintains a network of 1,000 affiliated agencies throughout the world. As the nation's largest mover, United holds more than 30 percent of the market, which is nearly double the market share of the second largest carrier. More information about United and its services is available at [www.unitedvanlines.com](http://www.unitedvanlines.com).