

Watertown-Oakville Veterans' Council



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

2021 REGISTRATION APPLICATION

- DATE:** MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021
TIME: 10:00 AM
PARADE ROUTE: Parade begins at the Watertown Plaza, 1167 Main St., Watertown, CT and proceeds on Rt. 63 **SOUTH** to the Oakville Green, Rt. 73
CEREMONY: Ceremony to Follow
COVID-19: The Veterans' Council will be adhering to all current CDC, State and local Health District recommendations and mandates regarding Corona Virus for the safety of those participating and those observing this annual parade.
INVITATION: **ALL Veterans' and currently serving Military Personnel are invited and encouraged to march or ride in our parade....and, we'd like to add- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Numbers: () _____ () _____ () _____

Number of Marchers: _____; Floats: _____; Vehicles: _____; Other: _____

Description of Float: _____

Are you planning on **handing** out any item(s): _____ Describe: _____

Do you need anyone to contact you: YES _____ NO _____ Contact # _____

Will you be presenting a wreath: YES _____ NO _____ If yes, please have it on a "Stake" for better display.

Name of Wreath Presenter: _____

The Memorial Day parade will be held rain or shine. In the event of extreme weather, a determination will be made **AFTER** 7:00 AM the Day of the Parade. **Please call the Town of Watertown Info-Line for updates 860-945-5272**

REQUEST: ALL GROUPS SHOULD HAVE PATRIOTIC MUSIC PLAYING DURING THE PARADE

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CEREMONY: Ceremony held at completion of Parade at the Oakville Green.

Procedures – Please Review:

1. **ALL VETERANS WELCOMED:** **ALL** Veterans' and currently serving Military Personnel are encouraged to participate. Please meet at the Watertown Plaza by 8:45 AM....and **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY!!**
2. **ADVERTISING:** Every effort should be made to cover any visible advertising.
3. **ANIMALS:** Only **Service** animals are allowed. Certification and registration must be presented when requested. Horses are not allowed.
4. **CEREMONY:** At the end of the parade a ceremony will be held. It will include all Honor Guards, rifle salute, readings and prayer. Taps will conclude the service. The community is requested to attend.
5. **CONVENIENCE:** For your convenience, Portolets are located at the beginning and end of the parade.
6. **COVID-19:** The Veterans' Council will be adhering to all current Center for Disease Control, State and local Health District recommendations and mandates regarding Corona Virus for the safety of those participating and those observing this annual event.
7. **FLOATS:** Floats need to be assembled at the Watertown Plaza by 8:30 AM. A patriotic theme is requested.
8. **HANDING OUT ITEMS:** Please be reminded for insurance and safety purposes **do not throw items** to the crowd. Any items handed out must have pre-approval by the Watertown-Oakville Veterans' Council.
9. **HONOR:** This parade is to remember and honor those who have served our Country - *Past and Present*.
10. **IDENTIFYING BANNER:** All parade participants, groups or units are asked to carry signs or banners identifying their group or organization.
11. **MUSIC:** It is requested **each** group and/or float provide their own music. Marching Bands to Boom Boxes. The music should be patriotic in nature. Any group playing questionable, suggestive or inappropriate music selections may be asked to leave.
12. **PARTICIPATION:** All Veteran, civic, fraternal organizations, clubs, local schools, institutions, and citizens are invited to participate.
13. **SAFETY:** The Watertown Plaza is open for business. Please take all safeguards in protecting your participants. Line-up in areas where there is no vehicle traffic. At the end of the parade please march **PAST** the **OAKVILLE** Green area to disband. Don't stop your group directly in front of the Flagpole.
14. **SET-UP:** The Watertown Plaza gets very busy the morning of the parade. Please pre-arrange with your group what time and where you are going to meet before and after the parade. Units should be assembled by 8:45 AM at the Watertown Plaza, 1167 Main St., Watertown. Groups with floats need to assemble by 8:30 AM.
15. **STOPPING, CROWDING & BUNCHING UP:** Especially now, leave **ample** room between your group, the group in front of you, and between those in your own group. Adults leaders must to monitor, direct and guide the children within their custody. No group shall stop the procession to perform or make a presentation without the prior consent of the Watertown-Oakville Veterans' Council.
16. **THEME:** Our American Flag. Honoring and Remembering those currently serving and those that have served our Country.
17. **WEATHER:** The Memorial Day parade will be held rain or shine. In the event of extreme weather, a determination will be made **AFTER** 7:00 AM the Day of the Parade. **Please call the Town of Watertown Info-Line for updates 860-945-5272**
18. **WREATH PRESENTATION:** All Groups are invited to present a wreath. Please have the wreath mounted on a stake for better visibility. The person presenting the wreath must report near the speaker's podium at the end of the parade. The Wreath Presenter will not be speaking (unless pre-approved by the Watertown-Oakville Veterans' Council) but needs to be ready when addressed.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMMUNITY EVENT

Please mail your completed application to the

Watertown-Oakville Veterans' Council

2021 Memorial Day Parade Committee

P.O. Box 96, Oakville, CT 06779