

**THE WATERTOWN-OAKVILLE VETERANS' COUNCIL**



# **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**REMEMBER & HONOR**

Let us pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. Their sacrifice will forever be etched in our hearts.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

**PARADE BEGINS AT THE  
WATERTOWN PLAZA, 1167 MAIN  
STREET, WATERTOWN, CT &  
PROCEEDS ON RT. 63 SOUTH TO  
THE OAKVILLE GREEN, RT. 73**

**CEREMONY TO FOLLOW**

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.

# Watertown-Oakville Veterans' Council

## Memorial Day Parade- 2025 Registration

Memorial Day, Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
10:00AM

Parade begins at the Watertown Plaza, 1167 Main St., Watertown, CT  
and proceeds on Rt. 63 *SOUTH* to the Oakville Green, Rt. 73  
Ceremony to Follow

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Other #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Marchers: \_\_\_\_\_ Floats: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Float: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning on handing out any items? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (Refer to Policies & Procedures)

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need anyone to contact you? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be presenting a wreath? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Wreath Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMMUNITY EVENT**

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 mail your completed application to the  
Watertown- Oakville Veterans' Council  
2025 Memorial Day Parade Committee  
P.O. Box 96  
Oakville, CT 06779

# Policies & Procedures – Please Review:

**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 COUNTRY!!**

**ANIMALS:** Only **Service** animals are allowed. Certification and registration must be presented when requested. Horses are not allowed.

**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.

**CONVENIENCE:** For your convenience, Portolets are located at the beginning and end of the parade.

**FLOATS:** Floats need to be assembled at the Watertown Plaza by 8:30 AM. A patriotic theme is requested.

**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.

**HONOR:** This parade is to remember and honor those who have died in service to our country.

**IDENTIFYING BANNER:** All parade participants, groups or units are asked to carry signs or banners identifying their group or organization.

**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.

**PARTICIPATION:** All Veteran, civic, fraternal organizations, clubs, local schools, institutions, and citizens are invited to participate.

**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.

**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.

**STOPPING, CROWDING & BUNCHING UP:** Please leave **ample** room between your group and the group in front of you. Adult leaders need 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.

**THEME:** Our American Flag.

**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.

**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.