

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 25, 2026

10:00 AM

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

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- 2026 Registration

Memorial Day, Monday May 25th, 2026
10:00AM

Parade begins at the Watertown Plaza, 1167 Main St., Watertown, CT
proceed on Rt. 63 NORTH to the Watertown Green.

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
2026 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.