



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS

Monday, May 30, 2022

IMPORTANT: Send instructions to ALL members of your group, especially to parents of children

ASSEMBLY: All units assemble at Goodwives Shopping Center at 9:00 AM. Signs will indicate where each division assembles. **Marchers must be in position by 9:30 AM.** Step off is 10 AM SHARP. You will be notified of your specific assembly position on Tuesday, May 24th.

PARKING: Police will direct traffic. **The Goodwives Shopping Center parking lot is for shoppers and parade vehicles only.** There is **NO** parade parking. Park at the Mechanic Street lot behind the Darien Fire Station, or at the Congregational Church parking lot on Brookside Road.

CHILDREN'S MARCHING UNITS: If you are dropping off a child, the child's group must have an adult in place. **Parents with children will not be allowed to linger or park their car.** This causes congestion and unsafe conditions. ****Parents who must wait with their child, because no adult is in place, are required to park their car, and walk their child back to the assembly area.****

IMPORTANT: Please advise everyone in your organization about these parking rules. Rules are for the safety of our marchers and for the safety of our children!

Social-distancing will not be practical, so please consider wearing a mask in the assembly area.

Parade Route: Goodwives Shopping Center to Brookside Road to Post Road. **At Parade's end, continue on Post Road PAST Hecker Avenue to the Post Road entrance to Spring Grove Cemetery, vehicles stay to the left and walkers to the right. Vehicles are not permitted to stop and must continue straight past Cemetery.**

Length of Parade Approximately 1.25 miles. Make sure all marchers are able to complete the parade.

Marching Parade Officials will maintain a uniform cadence and a steady forward march at all times. All units will maintain a reasonable distance from the unit in front of them. All marching units will march at least six (6) abreast, with the exception of color guards. **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE!**

Reviewing Stand Is located in front of Nielsen's Florist on the Post Road where the parade will be reviewed by the Grand Marshal and other dignitaries.

Cemetery Ceremony Please join us at the Connecticut Veterans' Cemetery to pay respect to the military people who have preserved our freedom with the ultimate sacrifice.

Emergencies In case of emergency the parade will move to the right side of the road and the necessary vehicles will pass on the left side of the road.

Other NO alcoholic beverages are permitted in the Assembly Area, along the Parade Route, or during the Ceremony. NO throwing of candy, toys, or any other items in Assembly Area or along Parade Route. Violators will be removed.

The parade is a procession to the Connecticut Veterans' Cemetery to honor those who died in service of our country. The spirit of the parade is to celebrate the lives of our war dead. Participants are encouraged to identify the organizations they represent but are requested to refrain from advertisements or promotion of events that have nothing to do with Memorial Day.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM