



# Watertown-Oakville Veterans' Council MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

## 2019 REGISTRATION

**DATE:** MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**PARADE ROUTE:** Parade begins at the Watertown Plaza, 1167 Main St., Watertown, CT and proceeds on Rt. 63 **NORTH** to the Watertown Green  
**CEREMONY:** Service and Wreath laying ceremony to follow  
**INVITATION:** **ALL Veterans' and currently serving Military Personnel are invited to march or ride in our parade. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Comments/Concerns you have: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

**REMINDER: ALL GROUPS SHOULD HAVE PATRIOTIC MUSIC PLAYING DURING THE PARADE**

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**CEREMONY:** Ceremony held at completion of Parade at the Watertown 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 COUNTRY!!**
2. **ADVERTISING:** Please No Advertising on the Marchers, Participants, Vehicles, and Floats.
3. **ANIMALS:** Service animals **only** are allowed. Horses are not allowed.
4. **CEREMONY:** The end of the parade ceremony 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. **FLOATS:** Floats need to be assembled at the Watertown Plaza by 8:30 AM. A patriotic theme is requested.
7. **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.
8. **HONOR:** This parade is to remember and honor those who have served our Country - *Past and Present*.
9. **IDENTIFYING BANNER:** All parade participants, groups or units are asked to carry signs or banners identifying their group or organization.
10. **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 will be asked to leave.
11. **PARTICIPATION:** All Veteran, civic, fraternal organizations, clubs, local schools, institutions, and citizens are invited to participate. All Veterans' and currently serving Military personnel are invited to march or ride in the parade...**and Thank You for Your Service!**
12. **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 Watertown Green area to disband. Please do not stop directly in front of the Flagpole.
13. **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 assembling by 8:45 AM at the Watertown Plaza, 1167 Main St., Watertown. Groups with floats need to assemble by 8:30 AM.
14. **STOPPING & CROWDING/BUNCHING UP:** Please leave **ample** room between your group and the group in front of you. No group will stop the procession of the parade to perform or make a presentation without the prior consent of the Watertown-Oakville Veterans' Council.
15. **THEME:** Our American Flag. Honoring and Remembering those currently serving and those that have served our wonderful Country.
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17. **WREATH PRESENTATION:** All Groups are invited to present a wreath. Please have the wreath mounted on a stake for better presentation. Wreaths should be made of materials to withstand any and all types of weather. 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**

*2017 Memorial Day Parade Committee, P.O. Box 96, Oakville, CT 06779*