

Memorial Day 2023

Honoring The Fallen

On Sunday May 28th, 2023, starting at 12:30 PM, Colchester will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade. The Parade is a community effort supported by local groups that are committed to making this event a success. We strive to show the pride we feel in our departed military veterans by asking local organizations and members of the community to step up and participate by making a float or marching in the annual parade. Marches should assemble at Johnston School by 11:30 AM.

We are honoring and remembering the fallen from all our wars beginning with the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, and the more recent conflicts World Wars I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Desert Storm, the Gulf War, and the continuing conflicts.

The agreement that ended World War One was between the Allies (France, Britain, Italy, the United States) and the Axis (Germany and Austria). It was the agreement that ended the fighting on the Western Front in Europe. Remarkably that agreement was signed more than 100 years ago.

The parade committee is expecting to have several military units represented. They will include the Connecticut Army National Guard, 1109th TASM-G, U S Navy Silver Dolphins Drill Team, US Marine Reserve, the Coast Guard, and the US Air Force Reserve. Our American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Colchester Veterans Honor Guard will also participate. There is plenty of room for community organizations to help fill our ranks.

The Parade Committee will award prizes in three categories; 1. Best marching unit, 2. Most patriotic float and 3. Most creative float. Applications to join this year's Memorial Day Parade are available online from the Town Hall, First Selectman's Office. We encourage any veteran, or local organization in Colchester and our surrounding towns to join us in honoring our fallen heroes.

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