

Memorial Day Handbook: Marching Order, Program Agenda

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Here's who marches in what order and what takes place when in Darien's 2019 Memorial Day Parade. Don't forget: Darien EMS-Post 53's Food Fair at Tilley Pond Park rounds out the day afterward.

— *an announcement from the Darien Monuments and Ceremonies Commission*

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— *You can watch the parade and ceremony, starting at 10 a.m., [here](#).*

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Parade Order

Organization	Notes (including officials names or leaders of various contingents)
Darien Police Dep't Color Guard	Lieutenant John Lawlor
Grand Marshal Pat Parlette	
State Representative District 141	Terrie Wood
State Representative District 147	Matt Blumenthal
Town of Darien- First Selectman	Jayme Stevenson
Town of Darien- Selectman	Pamela Sparkman
Town of Darien- Selectman	Kip Koons
Town of Darien- Selectman	Susan J. Marks
Town of Darien- Selectman	Marc Thorne
Darien High School Band	Jonathan Grauer, band director
VFW Post 6933 Color Guard	Jeff Calcott
VFW Post 6933	Lenny Hunter- Post Commander
American Legion Post 3	Commander Al Papp- '67 Mustang & Jeep
Marine Corps League (Lock City Detachment)	Lock City Detachment- Iwo Jima Float
CT NATIONAL GUARD	Co. A- 192nd Engineer Battalion
Division 2 Leader	Lucy Berry
Veterans Affairs City of Bridgeport	Bus
Darien EMS–Post 53	5 vehicles
Darien Historical Society	
Darien Historical Society: Whaleboat	Revolutionary War Actors participating
Darien Historical Society Cars	Bruce Sargent's three Packards
Masonic Lodge- Ivanhoe #107	2 Vehicles plus float
Darien Chamber of Commerce	
Darien Chamber of Commerce vehicle	John Breznen- Silverado pickup
Darien Chamber of Commerce vehicle	Tyler Roland- 'SCARGO'
Community Fund of Darien	
Harney-Pender-Keady Irish Arts Foundation	Girls will dance en-route
Darien Men's Association	6 cars
PIVOT Ministries	2 Vans
Darien YMCA Gymnastics Team	John Schwartz
Darien Sail & Power Squadron	John Pedersen
Milford Volunteers Ancient Fife & Drum Corps	
Noroton Heights Fire Department	Chief Shaun Volin
Noroton Heights Fire Department Apparatus	
Division 3 Leader	Becky Siciliano

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Darien School of Dance (YWCA)	Brigita Fulton
Girl Scouts of Connecticut	Sueann Schorr
Cub Scouts–Pack 56	Royle School
Cub Scouts–Pack 55	Ox Ridge School
Cub Scouts-Pack 155	Holmes School
Cub Scouts–Pack 161	Hindley School
Boy Scouts-Troop 35	Sabina Harris
Boy Scouts–Troop 53	Grant Evans
BSA Troop 219 (Girls)	Susie Flaherty
Atria Darien	Veterans
Antique Car (Williams '28 Ford)	1928 Ford model A Roadster
Antique Car (Bealle)	Preston Bealle, 1964 Cadillac
At Home in Darien	At least two vehicles
Antique Car (Lefferts-'39 Jaguar)	1939 Jaguar SS-100 Roadster
Darien High School Girls Hockey Team	Jackie Cassidy
Maplewood at Darien	Meghan Kurtzman
Good Wife's River Chapter D.A.R.	Beck Siciliano; Kathy Love
Fairfield County Police Pipes & Drums	Darien Fire Department Band
Darien Fire Department	Shane Smith
Darien Fire Department Auxiliary	Karen Smith
Darien Fire Department Apparatus	
Division 4 Leader	Terry Gaffney
Auto- Jeep (Carper)	Meredith Carper
Darien Senior Activities Center	Joe Pankowski- 1930 Ford Model A Pickup; Ron Heinbaugh- 1931 Model A Coupe
Kempo Karate of Darien	Michael Nahan
Dance on the DL	Doreen Godfrey
Democratic Town Committee	Frank Adelman
Darien YMCA Adventure Guides	8 Tribes; 7 floats; about 180 marchers
Darien Green Team	Linda Goodyear
Darien Nature Center	Leah Salmoni
Darien Lions Club	1947 Chrysler transporting Special Olympics
NYS Court Officers Pipes and Drums	Noroton Fire Department Band
Noroton Fire Department	John Hessmer
Noroton Fire Department Apparatus	

Memorial Day Ceremony

Darien's Monuments & Ceremonies Commission encourages all Parade participants and spectators to attend our Memorial Day commemorative ceremony which takes place in the Spring Grove Veterans Cemetery at parade's end.

A brief tour of the cemetery, led by one of the commissioners, precedes the formal ceremony which lasts

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about twenty minutes.

Monuments and Ceremonies Commission Chairman Dave Polett is master of ceremonies and will introduce speakers.

The ceremony will open with an invocation from Monsignor Surwillo and the singing of our national anthem by the Tudor Singers under the able direction of Mr. Chris Andrade.

Darien High School teacher Matt Pavia, co-author along with his father, Tony Pavia, of *An American Town and the Vietnam War*, will be our speaker.

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson will then read the names of Darien's 92 servicemen who lost their lives in defense of our country in all conflicts from the Civil War on.

An honor guard unit from VFW Post 6933 will discharge three volleys to salute their fallen comrades, followed by echo Taps and a concluding prayer.

It has been said by many senior-citizens and veterans our Parade and Ceremony is a throwback to the time-honored events they recall from their younger days.

Come once, and you'll remember it forever.

Ceremony Program

[Here's the excerpt of page 2 of the program \(just above\) as a PDF file](#)