

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*

Your Memorial Day Handbook 2019

— *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	Jayne 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)
Girl Scouts of Connecticut
Cub Scouts–Pack 56
Cub Scouts–Pack 55
Cub Scouts-Pack 155
Cub Scouts–Pack 161
Boy Scouts-Troop 35
Boy Scouts–Troop 53
BSA Troop 219 (Girls)
Atria Darien
Antique Car (Williams '28 Ford)
Antique Car (Bealle)
At Home in Darien
Antique Car (Lefferts-'39 Jaguar)
Darien High School Girls Hockey Team
Maplewood at Darien
Good Wife's River Chapter D.A.R.
Fairfield County Police Pipes & Drums
Darien Fire Department
Darien Fire Department Auxiliary
Darien Fire Department Apparatus
Division 4 Leader
Auto- Jeep (Carper)
Darien Senior Activities Center

Kempo Karate of Darien
Dance on the DL
Democratic Town Committee
Darien YMCA Adventure Guides
Darien Green Team
Darien Nature Center
Darien Lions Club
NYS Court Officers Pipes and Drums
Noroton Fire Department
Noroton Fire Department Apparatus

Brigita Fulton
Sueann Schorr
Royle School
Ox Ridge School
Holmes School
Hindley School
Sabina Harris
Grant Evans
Susie Flaherty
Veterans
1928 Ford model A Roadster
Preston Bealle, 1964 Cadillac
At least two vehicles
1939 Jaguar SS-100 Roadster
Jackie Cassidy
Meghan Kurtzman
Beck Siciliano; Kathy Love
Darien Fire Department Band
Shane Smith
Karen Smith

Terry Gaffney
Meredith Carper
Joe Pankowski- 1930 Ford Model A Pickup; Ron
Heinbaugh- 1931 Model A Coupe
Michael Nahan
Doreen Godfrey
Frank Adelman
8 Tribes; 7 floats; about 180 marchers
Linda Goodyear
Leah Salmoni
1947 Chrysler transporting Special Olympics
Noroton Fire Department Band
John Hessmer

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

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](#)