

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
EAST HADDAM
2025

Grand Marshal	LT Commander Christian Beisel
Parade Marshal	Jaron Sweet
Deputy Marshal	Irene Haines
Guest Speaker	LT Commander Christian Beisel
Marshal, First Division	Jaron Sweet
Marshals, Second Division	Rick Shea
Officer of the Day	Eric Badrick
Sergeant at Arms	Mike Portier
Chaplain	Pastor Tim Carr
Traffic Control	State Police/East Haddam Police
Flag Detail	Eric Badrick/Jon Favreau
Provisions Officer, Legion Hall	Women's Legion Auxiliary

STEP OFF TIME

PLAN A

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.

PLEASE REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX
PROMPTLY AT 9:15 A.M. FOR PARADE FORMATION

THROWING OF CANDY BY PARADE PARTICIPANTS IS NOT ALLOWED
THESE ITEMS MAY BE HAND PASSED TO SPECTATORS

PLAN B

IF RAINING

MEMORIAL CEREMONY AT AMERICAN LEGION, NEPTUNE AVENUE, MOODUS
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025 AT 10:30 A.M.

CONTACT - IRENE HAINES 860-885-8046 OR JARON SWEET 860-302-7287
OR
WTIC 1080 RADIO OR TOWN WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATION INFO
CANCELLATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY 9:00 A.M.

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PROGRAM AT EAST HADDAM BRIDGE – 8:30 A.M.

Wreath Installation.....Parade Detail
Volley Firing (2).....American Legion
BuglerAaron Bacman

PARADE STEP OFF AT 10:00 A.M.

FORMATION AND STEP OFF WILL COMMENCE FROM THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX PARKING LOT ON ROUTE 151 (PLAINS ROAD). PARADE ROUTE WILL CONTINUE DOWN ROUTE 151 TO MOODUS GREEN FOR PROGRAM AND TAKE A LEFT ONTO ROUTE 149 TO NICHOLS MEMORIAL FOR PROGRAM. PARADE WILL HEAD DOWN NEPTUNE AVENUE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

PROGRAM AT MOODUS GREEN FOR ALL MONUMENTS ON GREEN

(Civil War and Vietnam Memorial)

Parade stays in formation on Town Street (Route 151) for wreath ceremony. Only ceremony participants need to move to Moodus Green.

Flag Ceremony.....Eric Badrick/Jon Favreau
Invocation.....Pastor Tim Carr
Wreath Installation.....Girls Scouts
Geranium Installation.....Boy Scouts
Volley Firing in place.....American Legion
Taps.....Rhath Tokarz/Makenzie Alpert/Payton Balducci

PROGRAM AT NICHOLS MEMORIAL

Flag Ceremony.....Eric Badrick/Jon Favreau
Wreath Installation.....Girl Scouts
Geranium Installation.....Boy Scouts
Present Arms/Volley Firing in place.....American Legion

PROGRAM AT AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL

Selections by the Moodus Drum and Fife Corps and combined Middle/High School Band until all marching units and personnel are assembled.

Officer of the Day Report.....Eric Badrick
Introduction.....Jaron Sweet
Invocation..... Pastor Tim Carr

- Officer of the Day will assume command of the Flag raising ceremony.
- Jaron Sweet introduces the Moodus Drum & Fife Corps for the National Anthem. All present will sing.
- Flag raised to full staff.
- Everyone will stand and render proper respect to the flag and National Anthem of our country.
- Moment of silence for deceased veterans.

Introduction and Welcome.....Jaron Sweet/Irene Haines
(American Legion Service Award – NONE)
Introduction of Speakers.....Jaron Sweet
Gettysburg Address.....Joshua Ricard
In Flanders Field.....Christopher Brining
Guest Speaker.....LT Commander Christian Beisel

- Selection by Nathan Hale-Ray Middle & High School Combined Band
- Selection by Moodus Drum & Fife Corps

Wreath Installation.....Girls Scouts
Geranium Installation.....Boy Scouts
Volley Firing.....American Legion
TapsRhath Tokarz/Makenzie Alpert/Payton Balducci

The flag will be lowered to half-mast position.

The American Legion, the VFW, the East Haddam Lions Club, and the East Haddam Fire Department invite all parade marchers to partake of refreshments with their compliments. Attendees invited after marchers have been served.

Benediction.....Pastor Tim Carr
Parade Dismissal.....Jaron Sweet

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE PARADE LINE IS TO MOVE TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO PASS.

All floats/vehicles are to line up behind the Municipal Office Complex facing Wigwam Road. At 9:50am the floats/vehicles will be directed to proceed down Wigwam onto Town Street. Foot marchers will line up on the sidewalk in front of the Municipal Office Complex. Both groups will be merged onto Town Street (Route 151) at the front driveway entrance. Questions with line of march: SEE PARADE MARSHALS

LINE OF MARCH
THROWING OF CANDY BY PARADE PARTICIPANTS IS NOT ALLOWED

✓ - GROUP IS MARCHING

X - GROUP IS NOT MARCHING

COMMAND DIVISION

The American Legion Colors ✓
VFW Colors & Riflemen ✓
Grand Marshal (Driven by Legion-Cassie Cozzolino) ✓
Board of Selectmen and Chaplain and Parade Marshal and Legislators and Guest Speaker (Bill Cross jeep & red antique car)
Wreath Detail & Geranium Detail ✓

FIRST DIVISION

DIVISION MARSHAL

JARON SWEET

Moodus Drum and Fife Corps ✓
American Legion Post 156 ✓
Members V.F.W. ✓
Women's Auxiliary, American Legion, Poppy Queen (NONE)
Military Veteran Group
Sons of American Legion or Veteran's float/Cemetery Troopers float ✓
East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department and Trucks ✓

SECOND DIVISION

DIVISION MARSHAL

RICK SHEA

Troop K Explorers X /Police Boat ✓
Broadband Committee with vehicle X
East Haddam Little League with truck & trailer ✓
East Haddam CERT Team X
Republican Town Committee with vehicle & float (Gary Sikorski) ✓
Preschool Groups
East Haddam Elementary School
Friends of the East Haddam Free Public Library X
Democratic Town Committee with 1 vehicle ✓
Knights of Columbus ✓
Lions Club and Leos with Float ✓
East Haddam Community Lions with vehicle and float ✓
Project Safe Halloween with tractor & hay wagon ✓
Relay for Life X
Little Noises Athletic Booster Club
Nathan Hale-Ray Alumni Association X
East Haddam Business Association X
Moodus Reservoir Preservation Group with truck and harvester ✓
East Haddam Lakes Association with vehicle X
East Haddam Garden Club X
Daisies, Brownies, Girl Scouts ✓
Cub Scouts Pack 22 with vehicle & float / Boy Scouts Troop 22 vehicle with float ✓
East Haddam Soccer Club ✓
Town Participating Business
Nathan Hale-Ray Combined Middle and High School Band ✓
Berryhill Farm with tractor & wagon holding animals ✓
Antique Cars and Farm Tractors-Dominick Grunert ✓
Ray of Light Farm with vehicle/golf cart/animals & walkers ✓
Any other Horseback Riders
East Haddam Ambulance Association and squad car ✓
Ambulance X
Police Cruiser ✓
END OF PARADE