



**MARCHING ORDERS**  
**58th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**  
**MAY 24, 2026**

Your unit's assignment for the 2026 Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Sunday, May 24, at 1:30 p.m. is attached.

**VERY IMPORTANT – Please check the marching orders for your Division!! All entrants must line up in their assigned divisions in the proper order. NO exceptions. Your Division Commander will assist in lining up entrants.**

**Have members of your unit plan to meet at approximately 12:30 p.m.** For those dropping off parade marchers, please be considerate and not delay drop-off time to make room for others coming in.

- Please consider parking your vehicle at the end of the parade at either Cheshire High School or the Youth Center. There will be shuttle buses running before the parade to take people from the front of the high school to the start of the parade near the Police Station/Highland School. The shuttle will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. After that time, you are on your own – there are no shuttles running after the parade. No vehicles except veteran escorts are allowed to be dropped off or park in the Police Station lot. NO exceptions. All parade vehicles should note their location in the marching orders and respectfully follow the directions of your Division Commanders. No vehicles, floats, or trucks should be parked and left unattended at Highland School before 10am on Sunday. *Division 1 participants – please park at The Learning Experience building across from Cheshire Police Dept.*
- When you exit the high school after the parade, please use the Elmwood Drive exit at the south end of Cheshire High School's main parking lot and not the main exit onto Route 10.
- All commercial vehicles in the parade should display a patriotic theme in honor of the veterans, preferably relating to theme of the parade **Cheshire Salutes the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States of America 1776 to 2026 -- saluting all U.S. Veterans from the War of Independence to today who have died for our freedoms.**
- *In case of inclement weather, an alert will be posted on the Cheshire Parks & Recreation website at [cheshirect.myrec.com](http://cheshirect.myrec.com), and our Facebook page after 10:00 a.m.*
- **Any group distributing candy - do not throw the items into the crowd.** This is an unsafe practice. Please hand out any giveaways.
- Restrooms will be open at Highland School and at the Youth Center.
- Any trash generated by your group while waiting at Highland School should be brought to and disposed of in the dumpster.
- When marching during the parade, please keep the gaps tight between the group in front of yours. Wide gaps slow the parade down.
- No political posters or signs are allowed in the parade. This includes handouts, leaflets, etc.

\*\* It may be necessary to make changes to the marching orders after publication. If so, an announcement and updated marching orders will be posted under the Announcement section at [cheshirect.myrec.com](http://cheshirect.myrec.com).

For further information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (203) 272-2743 or via email at [recreation@cheshirect.gov](mailto:recreation@cheshirect.gov). Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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DIVISION 1**

- 1. Cheshire Police Motorcycles**
- 2. Cheshire Police Color Guard**
- 3. Banner Holders- Cheshire Memorial Day Parade**
- 4. Grand Marshals Float**  
**Honorary Grand Marshals: Lady Fenwick Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution**
- 5. Parade Co-Marshal Don Falk & Parade Chaplain Randy Tapp Car**
- 6. Police Chief & Senior Officers**
- 7. VFW & American Legion Color Guard**
- 8. Division Commander/Parade Co-Marshal/Division 1 Commander Car**  
**Leslie Marinaro/Asst Division Commander Kate Salerno**
- 9. Town Council & Elected Officials Float**
- 10. Veterans' Motorcade**
- 11. Veterans Military Truck Escort**
- 12. Disabled American Veteran's Van**
- 13. AAFRC Car and B17 Trailer and Banner Holders**
- 14. Veteran Memorial Car – Pause, Honor, Respect**
- 15. CHS Marching Band**
- 16. Knights of Columbus**
- 17. Cheshire Republicans Groups**
- 18. Cheshire Democrats Groups**

**DIVISION COMMANDER  
Leslie Marinaro**

**DIVISION 1 WILL FORM ON ROUTE 10 IN FRONT OF THE  
CHESHIRE POLICE STATION**

**(NOTE: No parking in police department parking area except for where parade participants are directed)**

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DIVISION 2**

- 1. Cheshire Fire Dept. Marching Men**
- 2. Cheshire Fire Trucks**
- 3. Cheshire Public Works**

**DIVISION COMMANDER  
Fire Chief Jack Casner**

**DIVISION 2 WILL FORM ON HINMAN STREET**

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DIVISION 3**

- 1. Division 2 Commanders: Tom Marinaro and Andrew Martelli**
- 2. Pyramid Shriner's Motor Patrol**
- 3. Dodd Middle School Band**
- 4. St. Bridget's of Sweden School**
- 5. Masonic Temple Lodge #16**
- 6. CHS/DMD Robotics Team**
- 7. Cheshire Jr. Cheerleaders/Football**
- 8. Girl Scouts/Brownies/Daisies**
- 9. Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts**
- 10. Bennett Family Musicians**
- 11. Cheshire Youth Baseball/Softball**
- 12. Olympic Tae-Kwon Do**
- 13. Cheshire Town Players**
- 14. Cheshire Food Pantry**
- 15. Cheshire Lions Club**
- 16. CT Patriots Band**
- 17. Cheshire 250th Steering Committee/Cheshire Historical Society/Cheshire Grange Float**

**DIVISION CO-COMMANDERS  
Tom Marinaro and Andrew Martelli**

**DIVISION 3 WILL FORM AT HIGHLAND SCHOOL NEXT TO THE CHESHIRE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT OFF ROUTE 10**

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DIVISION 4**

- 1. Division 4 Commander Car: Paul Larouche**
- 2. Ancient Mariners**
- 3. JC Karate**
- 4. Rose & Oak Mobile Bar**
- 5. Fred Adkins- 1940 Chevy Coupe & 1948 Ford Convertible**
- 6. Kiwanis Club**
- 7. Pollinator Pathway**
- 8. Odor Outlaws**
- 9. Abilities without Boundaries**
- 10. Richard Chevrolet**
- 11. Arisco Farms**
- 12. Earl Genest – Antique car - 1989 Bronco II with siren**
- 13. All Area Landscaping**
- 14. Cipully Tree Service**
- 15. AJ Waste**
- 16. Late entries**

**DIVISION COMMANDER  
Paul Larouche**

**DIVISION 4 WILL FORM AT HIGHLAND SCHOOL NEXT TO THE  
CHESHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFF ROUTE 10**