MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
EAST HADDAM
2026

Grand Marshal	Steven Trautner
Parade Marshal	Eric Badrick
Deputy Marshal	Todd Gelston
Guest Speaker	Emmett Lyman
Marshal, First Division	Eric Badrick
Marshals, Second Division	Rick Shea
Officer of the Day	Forrest Anderson
Sergeant at Arms	Jaron Sweet
Chaplain	Pastor Tim Carr
Traffic Control	State Police/East Haddam Police
Flag Detail	Jon Favreau/Jennifer Williams
Provisions Officer, Legion Hall	Women's Legion Auxiliary

STEP OFF TIME

PLAN A

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 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 25, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M.

CONTACT – TODD GELSTON 860-885-8046 OR ERIC BADRICK 860-949-5876
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 – OFF OF DOCK – 8:30 A.M.

Wreath Installation.....Parade Detail
Volley Firing (2).....American Legion
Bugler …….….Aaron 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.....Jon Favreau/Jennifer Williams
Invocation.....Pastor Tim Carr
Wreath Installation.....Girls Scouts
Geranium Installation.....Boy Scouts
Volley Firing in place.....American Legion
Taps…….……Payton Balducci/Michael Waltamath, Matthew Forsyth

PROGRAM AT NICHOLS MEMORIAL

Flag Ceremony.....Jon Favreau/Jennifer Williams
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.....Forrest Anderson
Introduction.....Eric Badrick
Invocation..... Pastor Tim Carr

- Officer of the Day will assume command of the Flag raising ceremony.
- Eric Badrick 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.....Eric Badrick/Todd Gelston
(American Legion Service Award – NONE)
Introduction of Speakers..... Eric Badrick
Gettysburg Address.....Kaelyn Cambi
In Flanders Field.....Katy Haggerty
Guest Speaker.....Emmett Lyman

- 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
Taps .....Payton Balducci/Michael Waltamath/Matthew Forsyth

The flag will be lowered to half-staff 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.....Eric Badrick

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

Police Cruiser with Police Boat (leading front of parade) ✓
The American Legion Colors ✓
VFW Colors & Riflemen ✓
Grand Marshal (Driven by Legion-Ron Borge) ✓
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 ERIC BADRICK

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 ✓
USA 250 Celebration Committee ✓
East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department and Trucks ✓

SECOND DIVISION

DIVISION MARSHAL RICK SHEA

Troop K Explorers X
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 & Homeschool Groups ✓
Friends of the East Haddam Free Public Library X
Historical Society with vehicle ✓
Democratic Town Committee with 1 vehicle ✓
Knights of Columbus with 1 vehicle ✓
Lions Club X and Leos ✓
East Haddam Community Lions with vehicle and float ✓
Project Safe Halloween with tractor & hay wagon ✓
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 Garden Club X
Daisies, Brownies, Girl Scouts ✓
Cub Scouts Pack 22 with vehicle & float ✓ /Boy Scouts Troop 22 ✓
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
East Haddam Ambulance Association and squad car X
Ray of Light Farm with vehicle/golf cart/animals & walkers ✓
Back in the Saddle 4-H with 2 minis horses & 1 pony ✓
Any other Horseback Riders
Ambulance X
Police Cruiser ✓

END OF PARADE