



City of Portsmouth, NH

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 25 at 1:00pm

The City of Portsmouth's Memorial Day Parade returns in 2026 to honor those who have lost their lives in services of this country, as well as to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence 250 years ago.

GENERAL PARADE INFO:

- Parade steps off at 1:00PM
- **Spectators:** The parade route starts at the Richards Ave/Parrott Ave intersection and goes along Richards Ave to South Cemetery. The parade will pause in the cemetery for the laying of the wreath at Logan's Orders Monument. The parade continues out of the cemetery to South Street and turns right towards Junkins Ave. The parade will turn down Junkins Ave and end at South Mill Pond.
- **Participants:** If you would like to participate in the parade, pre-registration is required by emailing Brinn Sullivan at bsullivan@portsmouthnh.gov. All participants will be asked to complete a registration form. Please keep in mind the purpose and solemnity of the Memorial Parade when considering your entry. Limited vehicle participation will be allowed.
- **Parade Route Residents:** The parade will be walking past your front doors and porches, and we sincerely hope that you will help us reflect the heart of Portsmouth by decorating for and watching the parade. The City does not host a Memorial Day Parade every year so this is something special. Additionally, a parade along Richards Ave and this portion of South Street is also rare and special. We hope you will join us in honoring this day.
 - Parts of Richards Ave and South Street will be closed to parking and traffic during the parade. Complete details closer to parade day.
- **Ceremony info:** At Logan's Orders Monument in South Cemetery, the parade will pause while a wreath is laid to commemorate the order that established a national observance to honor the memory of those who died in service of their country. The parade will commence after a salute by the Honor Guard. There will not be a speaking portion of this ceremony.

GENERAL PARADE RULES

- This is a walking parade. No vehicles unless special permission is given
- Smoking, alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, firearms, mopeds, scooters, mini-bikes, segways, and 4-wheelers are prohibited
- Units may not have music, other than marching bands
- Children must have adult supervision before, during and at the end of the parade
- No fee to participate

THEME – Memorial Day & the Nation’s 250th Anniversary

- Please keep in mind that this is a parade to honor Memorial Day and those who have lost their lives in service of this country. We will also be commemorating the nation’s 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

DEADLINES FOR PARADE REGISTRATION

- **Monday, May 18:** Registration deadline for all units to participate
- All registrations will be reviewed, and automatic entry is not to be assumed
- Confirmations will be sent via email with further parade instructions

LINE UP

- Participants will be asked to line up between 11:30am-12:30pm. All participants must be in place by 12:30pm
- Staff will be on site with “Event Staff” jackets
- There will be a specific line-up/order to the parade. Information on your line-up time and position comes with registration confirmation
- Line up will take place at the Portsmouth Middle School/Library Parking Lot. That lot will be closed to parking.
- Parade steps off at 1:00pm and will likely take apx 1-hour from start to finish.

ROUTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

- **BEGINNING:** While line up takes place in the parking lot of the Library/PMS, the parade route will officially begin on Richards Ave/Parrott Ave. The procession turns right onto Richards Ave and walks straight to South Cemetery. Once in the cemetery, the parade will loop around past the Logan’s Orders Monument.
- The parade will pause for the laying of the wreath and salute.
- Following, the parade will continue towards the South Street exit of the cemetery and turn right onto South Street. We will walk to Junkins Ave and turn left onto Junkins.
- **END:** The parade will process to South Mill Pond parking lot where groups can disassemble in that parking lot.

NO HANDING OUT ITEMS – INCLUDING CANDY

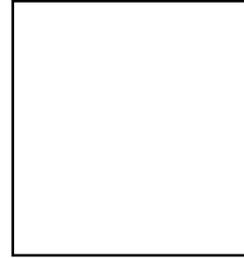
- During this parade, we will be walking down a residential street and into a cemetery. Candy and promotional materials are not permitted to be handed out.

PARADE UPDATES & RAIN DATE

- Visit the City of Portsmouth Website for any updates, street closures, parking bans
- In the event of inclement weather, the City will decide on the best course of action
- All weather-related notices will be posted at www.portsmouthnh.gov



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REGISTRATION FORM
Monday, May 25 at 1:00pm



RETURN TO:

City of Portsmouth Memorial Day Parade - Attn: Brinn Sullivan

Mail or Drop-off: Community Campus, 100 Campus Drive
 Portsmouth, NH 03801

bsullivan@portsmouthnh.gov | NEW! Cell: 603.312.5534

Person/Group/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell phone for Parade Day:** _____

Website of Company (if applicable): _____

TYPE OF ENTRY

- Walking Unit Marching Band
 Vehicle *All vehicles require special permission

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY

- Please describe your entry (ie: Boy Scouts walking in uniforms):
- Approximately how many people? _____
- Do you need to be lined up next to a specific unit? Which one?

PARADE WAIVER, LIABILITY RELEASE & PHOTO CONSENT

I hereby grant the City of Portsmouth permission to use my likeness in photographs, video, or other digital media without payment or other consideration. I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of the City.

Applicants assume all responsibility for any loss or damage in connection with their participation in the parade. The City of Portsmouth will not be liable for any damage, theft, loss of property, or injury. The ultimate responsibility for safety lies with each parade participant.

The City of Portsmouth reserves the right to remove any entry where safety measures are, in the opinion of City staff, inadequate and the right to disqualify any entry for failure to abide by safety regulations.

I have read and accepted the terms set forth in the parade rules. By signing this application, I, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, release and hold harmless the City of Portsmouth, and its officials, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, injury or death arising out of or relating to any negligence as a result of my participation in the parade.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The City of Portsmouth is committed to offering a safe and enjoyable parade.
 If you have any questions, please contact the Parade Coordinator, Brinn Sullivan.
 603.312.5534 | bsullivan@portsmouthnh.gov