

*The Danbury Council of Veterans Presents*

# ***Danbury Memorial Day Parade***



## **PARADE THEME**

***“Remembering Our Deceased Veterans, Honoring  
the Men and Women who served Our Country  
and displaying the American Flag”***

***Monday, May 26, 2025***

# SCHEDULE FOR MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** 6:30 am.....Saint Joseph Church  
370 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810

**PLACING OF WREATHS:** 7:10 am.....Directed by Catholic War Veterans Post #1042

Order listed below:

CIVIL WAR MONUMENT.....	Wooster Cemetery Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #149
BLUE STAR MEMORIAL .....	Farview Ave & Downs St Catholic War Veterans Post #1042
WEST STREET PARK MONUMENT.....	West & Division Street Disabled American Veterans, Lee Hartell Chapter
CIVIL WAR MONUMENT.....	West & Main Street Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #149
VIETNAM MONUMENT.....	Rogers Park, Memorial Drive Disabled American Veterans, Lee Hartell Chapter
KOREAN WAR MONUMENT.....	Rogers Park, Memorial Drive Korean War Veterans
AFGHANISTAN IRAQ MONUMENT .....	Rogers Park, Memorial Drive Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #149
BEIRUT MONUMENT .....	Rogers Park, Memorial Drive Catholic War Veterans Post #1042

## **GROUP 1**

LEE HARTELL MONUMENT	Rogers Park, Memorial Drive Korean War Veterans
NATHAN E. HICKOK MOUNMENT	Rogers Park, Memorial Drive Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #149
MERCHANT MARINE MONUMENT	Rogers Park, Memorial Drive Catholic War Veterans Post #1042
BLACK SOLDIERS CIVIL WAR MONUMENT	Rogers Park, Memorial Drive Disabled American Veterans, Lee Hartell Chapter
VIETNAM MOVING WALL	Rogers Park, Memorial Drive American Legion Post #60

## **GROUP 2**

WORLD WAR II PLAQUE .....	Rogers Park, War Memorial Building Disabled American Veterans, Lee Hartell Chapter
WORLD WAR I PLAQUE .....	Rogers Park, War Memorial Building Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #149
WAR MEMORIAL BLDG. ....	Rogers Park, War Memorial Building American Legion Post #60
ROSE MEMORIAL .....	Rogers Park, Rose Memorial Disabled American Veterans, Lee Hartell Chapter

**TAPS PLAYED BY:** Al Russo "Retired Sgt DPD"

Please note that some of the Monuments have been grouped together. A 21 Gun Salute and Taps will be conducted once for each Group.

**The Parade will begin down Main Street, promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the intersection of Rose Street.**

Following the Parade, a Ceremonial Service will be held at the Rose Memorial to honor our deceased veterans, everyone is invited. All awards will be presented after the services. A representative for winning units must be present to accept the awards. "Awards Will Not Be Mailed"

### **FLYOVER**

The "**Flying Yankees**" of the **103rd Airlift Wing**, a unit of the [Connecticut Air National Guard](#), stationed at Bradley Air National Guard Base will provide a FLYOVER by a C-130H Hercules. The C-130H Hercules is a four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft. Capable of using unprepared runways for takeoffs and landings, the C-130 was originally designed as a troop, medical evacuation, and cargo transport aircraft. Its mission is to provide theater cargo and passenger airlift.

### **AMERICAN FLAG**

American Flag Displayed on Main Street generously provided by  
**Mariano Brothers Specialty Moving, Inc.**

### **DIVISION COMMANDERS**

Division Commanders provided by the **Danbury Police Cadets.**

# **HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL**

## **Brendan Sniffin**

Brendan was born in Norwalk, CT in 1935 and because of his father's employment, was raised in CT, MA, and central NY. At age 17 he joined the NY National Guard. In 1953 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. His Air Force career brought him to many duty stations. From training at Sheppard Field Wichita Falls, TX. to Moses Lake, WA. and on to Fairbanks, AK where he participated in air lifting radar supplies for the Dew Line "Distant Early Warning" defense program.. Upon returning he was assigned to 309<sup>th</sup> troop carrier group Ardmore OK and ended his active duty with the 60<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Wing Dreux France.

In 1958 he married Shirley Marie Dascano. They have three children, Drusilla, Brendan Jr and Kevin, three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Brendan retired after 37 years as a driver for Hoffman/Chevron. But besides work, he has given much of his time to serving the community. He volunteered at Pope John Paul Nursing home for eight years, Dorothy Day, coached Special Olympics Tennis for 16 years, volunteered for Challenged People in motion, Stamford golf program for 5 years and Asst Scoutmaster Troop 9, a merit badge counselor for the Fairfield County Boy Scouts.

He has also found time to be the, Commander Korean War Veterans for 17 years an active member Catholic War Veterans 1042, member of the Veterans Council, Viet Nam Traveling Wall committee, Board of Directors Wooster Cemetery.

In 2022 Brendan was Inducted CT Veterans Hall of Fame.

# **Second Company Governors Horse Guard**

## **HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL**

**Brendan Sniffin**

**Danbury Police Department “Honor Guard”**

### **Danbury City Officials**

Mayor .....	Roberto Alves
Police Chief .....	Patrick Ridenhour
Deputy Police Chief .....	Michael Sturdevant
Fire Chief .....	Richard Thode
Assistant Fire Chief .....	William Lounsbury
City Treasurer.....	Daniel P Jowdy
Town Clerk.....	Laurie A. Esposito
Probate Judge .....	Honorable Joe DaSilva
City Veterans Adviser .....	Danny Hayes

**President of the City Council  
&  
City Council Members**

### **Connecticut State Legislators**

Senator	– Julie Kushner	24 <sup>th</sup> District
Representative	– Raghib Allie-Brennan	2 <sup>nd</sup> District
Representative	– Patrick E. Callahan	108 <sup>th</sup> District
Representative	– Farley Santos	109 <sup>th</sup> District
Representative	– Bob Godfrey	110 <sup>th</sup> District
Representative	– Ken Gucker	138 <sup>th</sup> District

**Danbury Board of Education**

**Danbury Emergency Management**

## **FIRST DIVISION**

### **VETERANS**

**BAND ..... The Danbury Drum Corps**

**DIVISION COMMANDER .....Paul Schlemmer**

**ASST. DIVISION COMMANDER .....Kevin Schlemmer**

### **Bethel H.S. NROTC All Services Color Guard**

#### **UNITS:**

- 1. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #149**  
Commander: Juan Rivas
- 2. Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post #149**
- 3. American Legion Post #60 & 1 Car**  
Commander: Bob Brough
- 4. American Legion Post #60 Auxiliary & Car**  
President: Christine Mead
- 5. Disabled American Veterans - Lee Hartell Chapter #25 VAN**  
Commander: Lenny Esposito  
Color Guard..... Bethel H.S. NROTC
- 6. Marine Corps League - Hat City Detachment**  
Commandant: Bill Moser  
Color Guard.....Bethel H.S. NROTC
- 7. Catholic War Veterans Post #1042 w/Float**  
Commander: Richard DeJohn  
Color Guard.....Danbury Police Cadets
- 8. Korean War Veterans Association**  
President: Brendan Sniffin  
Color Guard.....Danbury Police Cadets
- 9. F Troop**  
Leader: Ed Carvalho
- 10. U.S. Army Recruiters**
- 11. Ultimate Limo**

## **SECOND DIVISION**

**DIVISION COMMANDER.....Hannah Sussman**

**ASST. DIVISION COMMANDER .....Lila Latacela**

**BAND ..... The Celtic Cross Pipe Band**

- 1. American Red Cross**
- 2. Latinos for Educational Advocacy and Diversity**
- 3. Connecticut Institute for Communities**
- 4. Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Org Meditation Ctr of CT**
- 5. Immaculate Heart of Mary Group**
- 6. Danbury-Bethel SDA Christian Soldiers Adventurer Club**
- 7. IVES Bank**
- 8. Bethel Tunnel 2 Towers 5K**

## **THIRD DIVISION (A)**

**DIVISION COMMANDER.....Allyson Salazar**

**ASST. DIVISION COMMANDER.....Maria Silva**

### **BAND ..... Sons of Portugal Band**

- 1. ARK Lodge #39 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons**
- 2. ARK Lodge #40 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons**
- 3. Knights of Columbus-McGivney Council #29**
- 4. Danbury Elks Lodge 120**
- 5. Danbury Garden Club**
- 6. Danbury Lions Club**
- 7. 38<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot**

## **THIRD DIVISION (B)**

**DIVISION COMMANDER.....Brigette Siguenza**

**ASST. DIVISION COMMANDER.....Madelein Pesantes**

- 1. Dominican Community Center**
- 2. Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians**
- 3. Greater Danbury Irish Cultural Center**
- 4. Ecuadorian Civic Center**
- 5. Rancho Folclorico Manuel Cipriano**
- 6. Mexican Cultural Center Danbury**
- 7. Filipino American Association of Western CT**
- 8. Christian Tree Service**

## **FOURTH DIVISION**

### **YOUTH**

**DIVISION COMMANDER .....Vida Caba**

**ASST. DIVISION COMMANDER .....Emily Prieto**

**BAND ..... Danbury High School Band**

- 1. Danbury Police Cadets**
- 2. Danbury H.S. AFJROTC**
- 3. Bethel H.S. NJROTC**
- 4. Danbury Girl Scouts**
- 5. Danbury Boy Scouts**

**CUB SCOUTS PACK 234**

**BOY SCOUTS  
TROOP 9  
TROOP 252**

- 6. Danbury Youth Baseball**
- 7. DAYO**
- 8. Hat City Youth Sports**
- 9. Danbury Girls Softball League**
- 10. Housatonic Antique Car Club**

**FIFTH DIVISION**

**MUNICIPAL**

**BAND ..... Bethel High School Band**

**Danbury Professional Fire Fighters    Local #801**

**Danbury Volunteer Firemen's Council President.... Charlie Coakley**

**Danbury Volunteer Fire Fighters**

**Independent Hose Company #4**

**Beckerle Hose Company #9**

**Mill Plain Fire Company #12**

**Miry Brook Fire Company #13**

**King Street Fire Company #14**

**Danbury Volunteer Fire Battalion 19**

**Danbury Volunteer Fire Battalion 31**

**Bethel Fire Companies**

**Bethel Volunteer Fire Department**

**Stony Hill Volunteer Fire Department**

## **SIXTH DIVISION**

### **MUNICIPAL**

#### **FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

- 1. City of Danbury Fire Department Trucks**
- 2. Danbury Volunteer Fire Department Trucks**
  - Independent Hose Company #4 Truck**
  - Beckerle Hose Company #9 Truck**
  - Mill Plain Fire Company #12 Trucks**
  - Miry Brook Fire Company #13 Trucks**
  - King Street Fire Company #14 Trucks**
  - Danbury Volunteer Fire Battalion 19 Trucks**
  - Danbury Volunteer Fire Battalion 31 Trucks**
- 3. Bethel and Stoney Hill Volunteer Fire Department Trucks**

# **Rose Garden Memorial Services**

## **5/26/25**

**Master of Ceremonies ----- Juan Rivas**  
Pres. Danbury Veterans Council

**Star Spangled Banner ----- Danbury High School Band**  
**Invocation ----- Deacon John DeRoin** “St. Mary’s Church Bethel CT”  
**Introduction of Parade Marshal ----- Juan Rivas**  
**Introduction of Honored Guests ----- Juan Rivas**  
**Logan’s Orders ----- Nolan Rivas**  
**Gettysburg Address ----- Ethan Rivas**  
**Greetings from the City of Danbury - Honorable Mayor Roberto L. Alves**  
**Main Speaker ----- Nelson Martins**  
“Vice Commander Danbury VFW Post 149”  
**Reading Names of the Deceased ----- Tom Presnell**  
**Reading List of Wreaths ----- Juan Rivas**  
**Placing of Wreaths----- Brendan Sniffen**  
**Rifle Salute----- Honor Guard** “Danbury Police Dept.”  
**Taps----- Al Russo** “Retired Sgt DPD”  
**Benediction----- Deacon John DeRoin** “St. Mary’s Church Bethel CT”  
**Awarding of Trophies----- Brendan Sniffen**

**“Service in the park organized by Hat City Detachment MCL”**

## **AWARDS:**

**1st PLACE FLOAT**

**2nd PLACE FLOAT**

**BEST COLOR GUARD (not associated with a band)**

**MOST IN LINE OF MARCH (Veterans Organization)**

## **JUDGES:**

**Diane Yamin**

**Dean Esposito**

## **PARADE ANNOUNCER:**

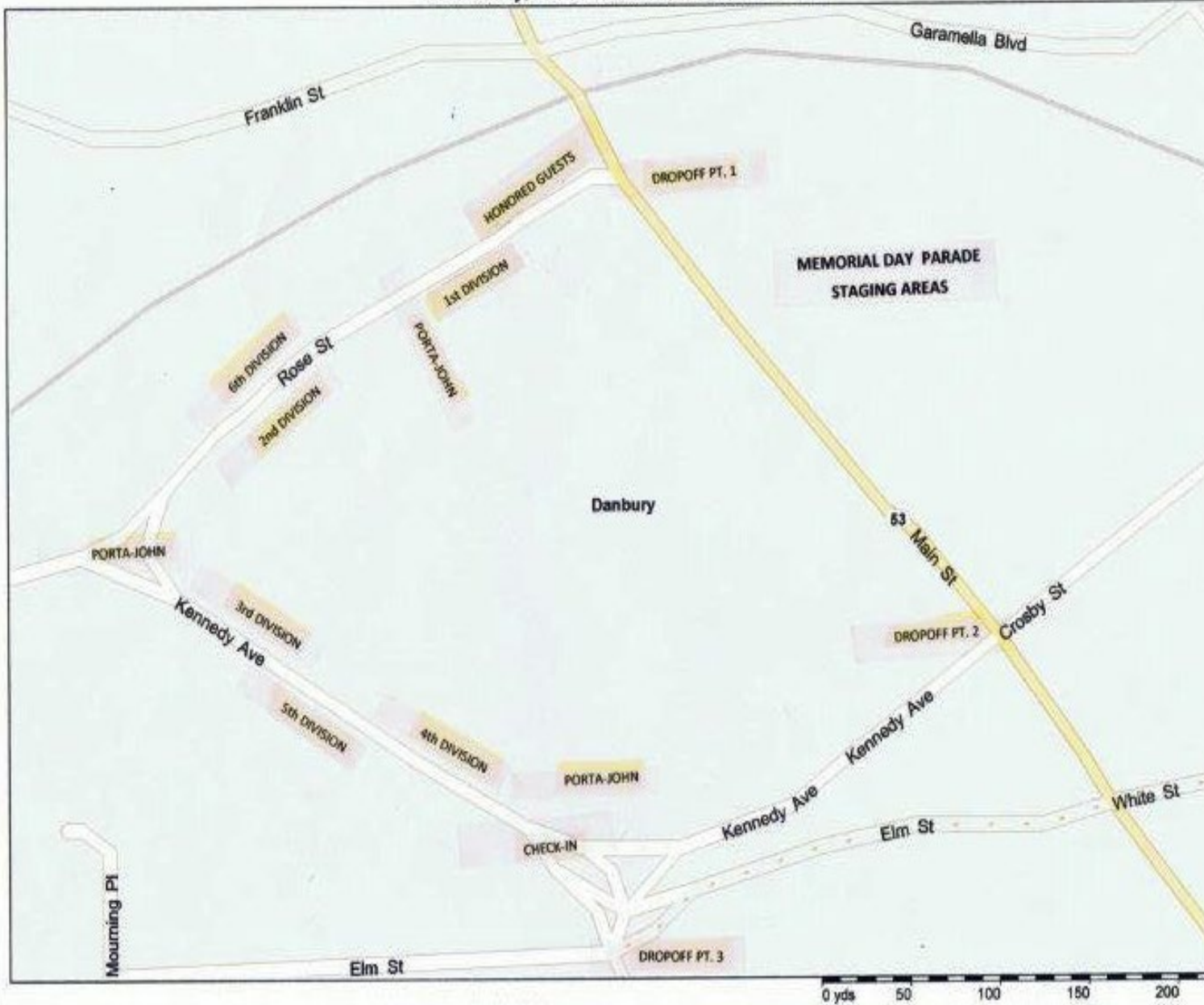
**Mark Boughton**

**“Commissioner of the CT Department of Revenue Services”**

## **PARADE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Bill Moser	Parade Chairman
Louise Pinard	Secy / Treas DCV
Juan Rivas	VFW
Gerry Smith	MCL

# Danbury, Connecticut, United States



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## DANBURY MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ROUTE

