



# SALEM MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 31 ★ 10:00 a.m.



## Grand Marshals

Joseph Danao II

*Deputy Chief*

Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company

*Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.)*

U.S. Army

Chip Weston

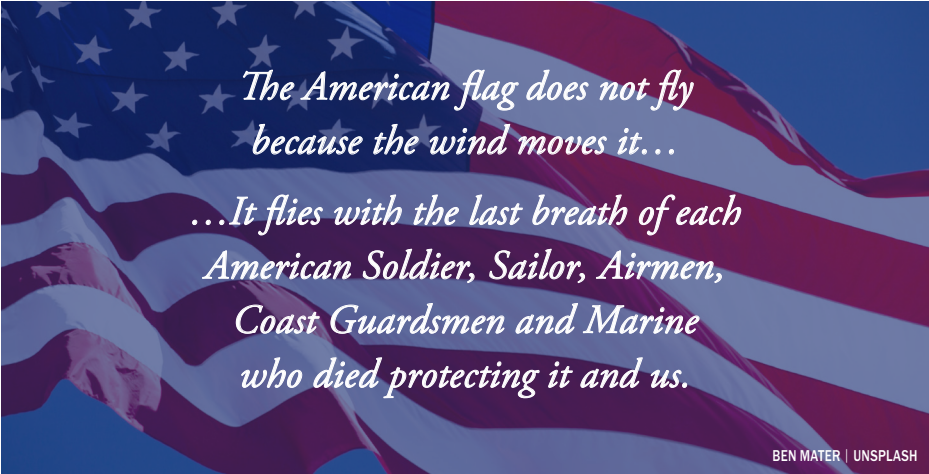
*Chief*

Salem Volunteer Fire Company

*Sergeant*

U.S. Marine Corps

All health & safety protocols will be followed.

The background of the top section is a stylized American flag with stars and stripes in shades of blue, white, and red. The text is overlaid on this background.

*The American flag does not fly  
because the wind moves it...  
...It flies with the last breath of each  
American Soldier, Sailor, Airmen,  
Coast Guardsmen and Marine  
who died protecting it and us.*

BEN MATER | UNSPLASH

## AGENDA

**9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Parade Participants muster at 9:15 a.m. and  
**be in line no later than 9:30 a.m.**

All Salem residents and groups are welcome.  
Floats, antique cars, decorated bicycles, doll/baby carriages, walkers;  
individuals, families, and groups. Show your Patriotic Spirit!

**Hagen Road:**

Vehicles, Floats

**Morgan Road**

Walkers, adults, children, parents, youth & sports

**10:00 a.m.**

Parade Starts and finishes at the **Salem Town Green**

**Memorial Service**

Town Green within 10 minutes of Parade completion

**Salem residents with honorable military service are  
encouraged to wear their uniform or medals / awards on civilian attire**

Photos and send them to [Ed.Chmielewski@SalemCT.gov](mailto:Ed.Chmielewski@SalemCT.gov)

# MEMORIAL SERVICE

*The tolling of the Bell will start the Memorial Service.  
Your silence during this tribute is appreciated while  
we honor our citizen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice and  
gave of their life in service to our Country,  
These United States of America*

<b>Raising of Colors</b>	Salem Firefighters Teixeira & Roberts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing Crew, Brownies, Cub Scouts
<b>National Anthem</b>	Rachel Crafton & Tom Vernon
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Ed Chmielewski, Major ( <i>retired</i> ) US Army, Selectman & Salem Military Liaison
<b>Welcome</b>	Kevin T. Lyden, Salem First Selectman
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Pastor Jonathan Chechile, Congregational Church of Salem
<b>Grand Marshals</b>	Ed Chmielewski, Major ( <i>retired</i> ) US Army, Selectman & Salem Military Liaison Chip Weston, Sergeant US Marine Corps ( <i>veteran</i> ), Chief, Salem Volunteer Fire Department Joseph Danao II, Lieutenant Colonel US Army ( <i>retired</i> ), Deputy Chief, Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Department
<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	Hon. Thomas J. Saadi, Commissioner CT Department of Veterans Affairs, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Reserve
<b>Memorial</b>	Senator Paul Formica, Representative Holly Cheeseman, First Selectman Kevin Lyden & Kathleen Lyden <b>Flower Bearers:</b> Ms. Liberty Smith and Ms. Nola Smith <b>Honor Guard:</b> Commander Steve Buck, Salem VFW
<b>Taps and Salute</b>	Grace Barnhart & Rose Zhou, East Lyme High School Band
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Pastor Jonathan Chechile, Congregational Church of Salem
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Salem First Selectman Kevin Lyden

## **Acknowledgement**

Salem Memorial VFW Post 2774  
Memorial Monument Flowers from Burnett's Country Gardens  
Salem Volunteer Fire Department  
Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
All Salem Fire Fighters & Emergency Technicians – Volunteers, Part Time, Full time  
Salem Emergency Services  
Salem Town Hall Staff  
Salem Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies and Venturing Crew  
Salem Historical Society  
East Lyme High School and Band  
Salem School and Band  
Salem Public Works Department  
Salem Resident Troopers Office  
Salem Lions Club  
Congregational Church of Salem  
Salem Recreation Commission

## **Salem Day Memorial Parade Committee**

\*Kevin Lyden – Ex Officio, Salem First Selectman  
\*Ed Chmielewski – Chair, Selectman, Salem Military Liaison, Past  
Grand Marshal, President Salem Seniors, Vice-President Salem Historical Society  
Mike Bednarz – Salem Emergency Services Director  
Pete Silva – Chief, Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
Joe Danao – Deputy Chief, Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
Chip Weston – Chief, Salem Volunteer Fire Department  
James Rybak – Deputy Chief, , Salem Volunteer Fire Department  
\*Bob Ross – Executive Director, Military Affairs, State of Connecticut  
\*Gene Maiorano – Parade Safety Officer in Charge (OIC),  
Chief (*retired*), Salem Volunteer Fire Department  
\*Bill Martin – Salem Lions Club  
Steve Buck – Commander, Salem VFW, Past Grand Marshal, Liaison to Salem  
School & East Lyme High School  
Richard Leuck, Adjutant, Quartermaster and Service Officer, Salem VFW  
\*Ron LaBonte – Selectman, Past Grand Marshal,  
Former Scoutmaster, Salem Boy Scouts  
Pastor Jonathan Chechile, Congregational Church of Salem

\* Denotes Salem Lions Club Member