



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

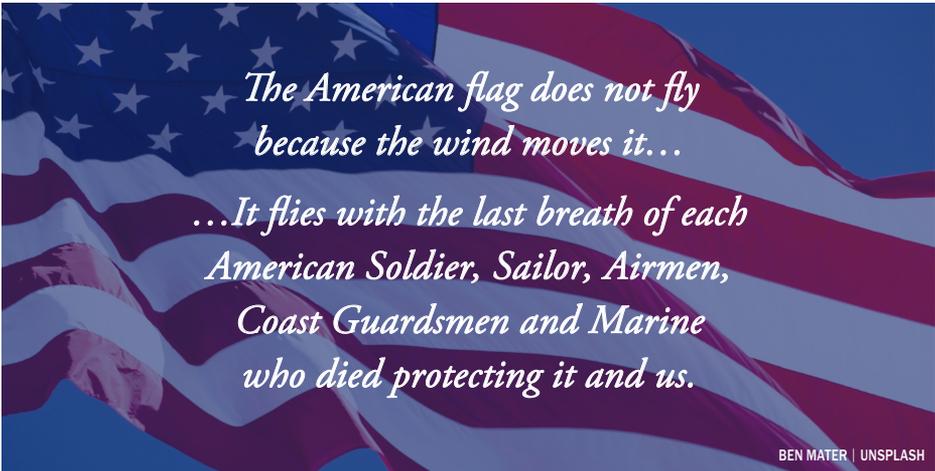
Chief

Salem Volunteer Fire Company

Sergeant

U.S. Marine Corps

All health & safety protocols will be followed.



*The 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.*

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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 am.

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

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*

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