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Local Veterans Invited to Participate in Vernon's Memorial Day Parade

(VERNON, Connecticut) – Vernon's Memorial Day Parade is returning this year and the Town of Vernon is seeking local veterans who would like to participate.

The annual parade honors the men and women of the armed forces who gave their last full measure in the defense of our nation. Vernon's Memorial Day parade was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in 2019 because of weather.

"Memorial Day is a solemn and important holiday that gives us an opportunity to remember and honor those who have given their lives in the service of freedom," Mayor Dan Champagne said. "I hope Vernon veterans will join us for the parade, and that residents will join us along the parade route and in Central Park after the parade to honor the Vernon and Rockville fighting men and women who died in our nation's wars."

This year Memorial Day is on Monday, May 30th. The parade will step off at 10:30 a.m. at Northeast School, pause briefly at Grove Hill Cemetery for a ceremony, and then continue on Grove Street onto East Main Street into downtown Vernon.

Another ceremony will take place after the parade ends at the Veterans Memorial in Central Park, which is in front of Town Hall.

Local veterans who would like to participate in the parade are urged to call Mayor Champagne's office at 860-870-3601. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, please call.

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and

wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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