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Vernon Marks Memorial Day with Parades in Talcottville and Rockville

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The Town of Vernon will mark Memorial Day with the traditional parade in Rockville on Monday, and a parade on Sunday morning in Talcottville.

The Talcottville parade steps off at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 29th at the Talcottville Congregational Church and travels from Elm Hill Road to Main Street to Mount Hope Cemetery for a ceremony in front of the Civil War monument, the parade then reverses course and returns to the church. The parade ends about 10 a.m.

The parade will feature local dignitaries, the Colonel John Chester Fife and Drum Corps, the Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes and Drums, and the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, Co. G, a group of Civil War reenactors.

On Monday, Vernon's Memorial Day parade steps off at 10 a.m. from Northeast School and travels first to Grove Hill Cemetery for a ceremony in Lugg Memorial Field. The parade then travels onto Grove Street to East Main Street to Downtown Rockville.

"This is our first parade since 2019 and I am looking forward to joining with residents to honor and remember the men and women of our armed forces who have lost their lives during wartime," Mayor Dan Champagne said. "While many view Memorial Day as the kickoff to summer, I hope people will take a minute to remember the sacrifices so many families have made since our nation's founding 246 years ago."

The parade features local veterans, the Rockville High School Marching Band, the Town of Fire Department, the Vernon Police Honor Guard, scouting groups, local dignitaries and others.

Before the parade arrives in Downtown Rockville, the Sphinx Shriners Motor Patrol will entertain the crowd.

A ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Central Park follows the parade. A flyover by a Connecticut Air National Guard aircraft is expected between 10:50 and 11:10 a.m.

The Town of Vernon and the Rockville American Legion Post host the parade.

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 more than 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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