

OPENING FLAG PARADE & CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS (Maps 4 & 5)

COORDINATION OF COLORS UNITS

The opening ceremony will be laid out differently this year. There are addition colors units this year. PHAHG MAJ Hannah White will coordinate the rehearsal on **Friday, 24 May 2024, at 5:00 PM**, and the lineup of the flag parade for the Memorial Day Program Opening Ceremony. There will be a rehearsal on **Monday, 27 May 2024, that starts at 09:00**. Units that do not have representation on location by **09:00** prior to the program on Monday, 27 May 2024, will be cut from the opening ceremony and may not be invited to future Memorial Day events.

THE OVERALL COLORS COMMANDER IS MAJ HANNAH WHITE.

D1 Bagpiper – Lynn Ista

Pipe Major Lynn Ista will lead in the parade of colors units. The lineup is found on Map 4. The lineup in the Lions Veteran Memorial is on Map 5. The bagpiper always LEADS IN and FOLLOWS OUT. The rehearsal on Friday, 24 May 2024, at 5:00 PM, will help smooth out the operation for Monday. Coordination between units is important.

D2 Posting the Colors – Woodbury HS USAF JROTC

The JROTC will be posting the colors along the wall of the memorial next to the table with the Military Memorial Displays. The rehearsal on Friday, 24 May 2024, at 5:00 PM, will help smooth out the operation for Monday. There are more colors units this year and coordination between them is important. If you need to use some outdoor, weighed, flag stands, please let us know how many you would like to use.

D3 Presenting the Colors – Patriotic Heritage Allegiant Honor Guard

The full military services flags (US, USA, USMC, USN, USAF, USSF, USCG) will be carried by this group. The rehearsals involve coordinating between the various colors units, the bagpiper, the singer, and Master of Ceremonies (John Rudin). The National Anthem will be sung, and the salutes are to be held until the anthem is completed. There are many points of coordination. Everyone must know the cues, so everything goes smoothly.

D4 Presenting the Colors – Cat’s Meow Color Guard

The full military services flags (US, USA, USMC, USN, Merchant Marine) will be carried by this group. The rehearsals involve coordinating between the various colors units, the bagpiper, the singer, and Master of Ceremonies (John Rudin). The National Anthem will be sung, and the salutes are to be held until the anthem is completed. There are many points of coordination. Everyone must know the cues, so everything goes smoothly. The rehearsal on Friday, 24 May 2024, will help smooth out the operation for Monday. Coordination between them is VITAL.

D5 Present Colors – Scouts BSA Troop 559 Color Guard

This Eagle Scout Honor Guard will carry 5 flags and present the colors during the National Anthem. They will follow the Cat’s Meow Color Guard in and out of the Lions Veteran Memorial. The rehearsal on Friday, 24 May 2024, will help smooth out the operation for Monday. Coordination between them is VITAL.

D6 Presenting the Colors - Vietnamese Vietnam War Veterans Color Guard

This unit will follow the Scouts BSA Troop 559. They will Present Colors during the National Anthem. Currently there are 2 flags & 2 guards. John Martin may be working on adding some other colors. The rehearsal on Friday, 24 May 2024, will help smooth out the operation for Monday. There are more colors units this year and coordination between them is important.

D7 Presenting the Colors – Como Park HS MC JROTC Color Guard

This unit will follow the Vietnamese Vietnam War Veterans Color Guard. You will Present Colors during the National Anthem. You will follow the Vietnamese Vietnam War Veterans Color Guard in and out of the Lions Veteran Memorial. The rehearsal on Friday, 24 May 2024, will help smooth out the operation for Monday. Coordination between them is VITAL.

IN ADDITION to the opening ceremony, you will also have an additional duty during the program. You will present the Memorial Wreath during the program. It consists of moving it from one place in the Public Service Memorial to the Veterans’ Memorial. You place it, salute it, and then leave in a USMC fashion.

D8 Presenting the Colors – CAP - Stanton Color Guard

This unit will follow the Como Park HS MC JROTC Color Guard. They will Present Colors during the National Anthem. They will follow the Cat’s Meow Color Guard in and out of the Lions Veteran Memorial. The rehearsal on Friday, 24 May 2024, will help smooth out the operation for Monday. Coordination between them is VITAL.

D9 Present Arms – Nurses Honor Guard

The Nurses Honor Guard unit does not carry flags but will be in the flag parade and render honors during the singing of the National Anthem. You follow the CAP – Stanton Color Guard in and out of the Lions Veteran Memorial. The rehearsal on Friday, 24 May 2024, will help smooth out the operation for Monday. Coordination between units is important.

IN ADDITION to the opening ceremony, the Nurses Honor Guard will move the casket, mounted on a church truck, from the Public Service Memorial to the Veterans Memorial during the Last Roll Call Ceremony. At least one representative must be at the rehearsal held on Friday, 24 May 2024 at 5:00 PM.