



Memorial Day Parade Information & Rules

1. Parking is available on nearby streets other than a part of the assembly area and on streets around Wilder Park. Parking garages are available at Schiller Street and Palmer Drive, on Addison Street south of Second, on First Street west of Addison, and on Adelaide Street between York and Cottage Hill. Surface parking lots are available in the City Centre and at Elmhurst University near Wilder Park.
2. Before the parade, participants are welcome to use the restrooms available on the first floor of the Elmhurst City Hall located 209 N. York. At the end of the parade route, restrooms will be open to the public at the Wilder Mansion and at the park recreation building north of the tennis courts.
3. Parade Marshals will be assigned to assist your assembly/line-up from 8:00a.m. to the parade step off beginning at 9:30 a.m. They will be identifiable by parade shirts and safety green Hi-Vis vests.
4. Participants will step-off in their alphabetical order as indicated on the staging streets map.
5. All units are reminded that there is ABSOLUTELY NO THROWING OF ANY ITEMS. Handouts of U.S. Flags or other patriotic items are encouraged. Candy or other items may be handed out with care and must not delay the pace of the parade.
6. The official parade colors are traditional red, white and blue and all entries, where appropriate, should feature the parade colors.
7. All entries should display the U.S. flag in some appropriate fashion. Other state military or suitable organization flags are welcome.
8. All entries are expected to incorporate a military or patriotic element in their entry. Patriotic banners and decorations are encouraged.
9. All entries must keep pace and are responsible for maintaining a suitable distance of 25 feet from the proceeding unit. Units must be aware of their position in relationship to the entries both in front and behind them so there are no extended gaps in the parade.
10. **The parade may have noise, but once participants reach the corner of Church St and Prospect, they are asked to respect the somberness of day as you approach the**



Wilder Park Veterans Memorial and review stand. Please be solemn, with no horns, whistles etc. as you turn this corner and proceed to the end of the parade.

11. All music played and performed must be appropriate with a military or patriotic/americana theme.
12. Video coverage of the parade will be provided and will have camera teams at the reviewing stand on Prospect and at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park.
13. The parade route extends beyond the reviewing stand on Prospect. Please proceed past the Wilder Mansion and leave all parade ID's and banners provided to you on the east parkway north of the Mansion.
14. After the parade, child participants should be picked up by their parents in Wilder Park, east of the Wilder Mansion. Children should stay with their units until parents arrive.
15. Participants are invited to stay for the Post-Parade Memorial Day Ceremony in Wilder Park at the Veterans Memorial.