



915 N Belmont Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

INFO, DETAILS & APPLICATION – Memorial Day Parade 2025

1. Marching unit leaders are responsible for communicating DETAILS on the parade and ceremony to all the people in their units.
2. There is **NO CHARGE** for your entry in the parade.
3. Your **Parade Position** number will be **emailed by May 23rd** along with detailed instructions. Please make sure the e-mail address and cell phone number on your application are correct.
4. Your parade position number will be painted on the street in the Assembly Area by May 25. Check it out BEFORE the parade to determine the best way for your people to enter the very busy Assembly Area.
5. Parade assembly area starts at Village Hall and flows East along Davis Street. See Parade Route Map.
6. The parade route is 1.25 miles (see map) and finishes at Memorial Park. The Assembly Area stretches nearly 1 mile East of Arl Hts Road
7. On May 26th, assemble your unit at your assigned parade position **no later than 9:00 am**. Earlier is better.
8. **The parade steps off at 9:30 am SHARP!**
9. Porta potties and water will be available in the assembly area before the parade starts and at Memorial Park at the parade endpoint.
10. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony at Memorial Park. The ceremony starts at 11:00 am.

WEATHER

We will march if there is just a light rain or drizzle. If there is lightning, thunder, medium rain or heavy rain, we will cancel the parade and move the Memorial Day Ceremony inside. Watch for an announcement. **Just in case, unit leaders MUST monitor your email and text messages on May 24th, 25th, and 26th.**

A SPECIAL REQUEST TO EVERYONE

We would like everyone to consider doing something to thank our veterans and active duty military. Here are just a few ideas...

1. Print out BOTH SIDES of the Arlington Remembers sign (attached). Place this sign in the windows of your home, business, school or organization. Read the names of Arlington's Fallen Heroes on the backside.
2. At the parade, wave the Arlington Remembers sign as our active military and veterans pass by.
3. If you are marching in the parade, please consider carrying signs, flags, banners, etc that say "Thank you veterans!"
4. If you are watching the parade along the route, please stand up, clap and say "Thank You" to our veterans and active duty military as they march by. For our Vietnam Veterans, say "Welcome Home".
5. Along the parade route, consider decorating buildings with banners, signs, flags, bunting – whatever is possible.
6. Or come up with your own creative way of saying "Thank You" for the service and sacrifice of our veterans and active duty military.

APPLICATION

106th Annual Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 26, 2025; Arlington Heights, IL

PLEASE E-MAIL OR FAX YOUR REPLY BY MAY 20, 2025

YES! We will participate in the Arlington Heights Memorial Parade on Monday, May 26, 2025.

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Organization Name: _____

Contact Person/Title: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____; E-mail: _____

Unit Description: _____

Marching Only? Y/N; Vehicle? Length: _____; Float Length _____; Music included? Y N

Number of Persons Participating: _____

Special Considerations/Requests: _____

NOTE: All Scout, Indian Guide and other units PLEASE indicate your sponsoring organization (school, church, etc.) AND your troop number in the area below.

Boy/Cub Scouts: _____ Girl Scouts/Brownies: _____

Indian Guides/Princesses: _____ Other: _____

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Please consider staying for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Memorial Park. Ceremony starts at 11 am. We will honor and remember all those who gave their lives for our Freedoms especially **Arlington's Fallen Heroes** – the 59 young men from our town who died in the service of our Nation from the Civil War to Afghanistan. **This is the true purpose of Memorial Day.**

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY EMAIL or FAX TO:

Greg Padovani, Chairman, Veterans Memorial Committee of Arlington Hts

greg.padovani@gmail.com FAX: 312-896-5863

Your Parade Position Number and Instructions will be emailed to you by May 23, 2025.

There is **NO CHARGE** for participation in the Memorial Day Parade.
Donations in support of this important event are gratefully accepted.