

## Kennett Memorial Day parade set for May 29

Preparations for the Kennett Memorial Day Parade on May 29 are proceeding nicely, said Dave Haradon, this year's Parade Committee chairman.

"We have already signed about 90 entries including floats, bands, and performers to honor our fallen military heroes and celebrate our freedom," he said.

"Our committee—comprising both new and returning members—is working hard to make this year's event the most spectacular parade in Kennett's history," said Daniel Embree, executive director of Kennett Collaborative.

"We invite people to come from near and far to volunteer, march, or ride in the parade—or to cheer and watch along Kennett Square's beautiful streets."

There is still time for organizations, companies, groups and individuals to easily sign up to walk, ride or drive in the parade on the website at <http://bit.ly/KennettParade>.

Using digital web-based technology this year has really helped manage the gathering and communications process for an increasingly long list of parade participants. This makes the parade sign up process so much easier for

everyone.

Sponsors, including companies, and organizations can also help to sponsor this growing community parade as costs have risen considerably since last year. Just go to <https://www.kennettmemorialdayparade.com/> sponsor to financially donate or provide in-kind supplies for the 1.2-mile-long event.

"We can't wait to share some new surprises that will both upgrade the parade experience," Haradon said. "This includes improved parking, signage and driving to the downtown Kennett Square parade area. We are preparing for many more

people in our immediate Kennett Area community to easily attend.

"New attendees and participants from neighboring communities in the Southern Chester County area will find this to be a memorable experience for the whole family to enjoy on the last day of the Memorial Day holiday weekend."

There will be new acts and returning parade entries to excite kids and adults as the community pays tribute to our fallen heroes. Joe Zenisek Post Commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5467 said, "With the drastic impact on

millions of lives still occurring with the Ukrainian war situation, we owe our fallen heroes a debt of gratitude for their courage, dedication and sacrifice in defending freedom and democracy around the world."

Cindy Abbadini, commander of the America Legion Post 491 in Kennett Square, added, "It is vitally meaningful for everyone to turn out on Memorial Day to acknowledge the importance of our military men and women, past and future, who are still serving domestically and internationally to fight for lasting peace in our world."

To help educate the children in the Kennett Square community, local boy scouts will be walking in advance along the parade route to hand out 4,000 American flags to all kids who attend the parade. There will also be many other youth groups participating including girl scouts, cub scouts, high school bands and dance groups.

The Kennett Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 29, starting at 10 a.m. As the event approaches, additional parade details can be found at [www.KennettMemorialDayParade.com](http://www.KennettMemorialDayParade.com).