



# BARRINGTON MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES & PARADE

## Monday, May 26, 2025



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



8:30 AM – Parade Marchers Check-In at Barrington High School

9:00 AM – Victory Gate Ceremony at Barrington High School:

- **Master of Ceremonies:** Derick Daley, USMC
- **Raising of the Flag:** Boy Scout Troops 2 and 46, along with the Barrington Girl Scouts
- **Invocation:** Reverend Racquel Ray
- **Reading of the Fallen:** Derick Daley, USMC
- **Laying of the Wreath**
- **Bagpipe Performance of Amazing Grace:** Beth Butts
- **21-Gun Salute:** Barrington Police Department
- **TAPS and ECHO:** Connor Meehan and Nico Soler
- **Ceremony Coordinator:** Sasha Meyer, USMC

**Parade kick-off at Barrington High School to Town Hall**

1st Division: Memorial Day Recognition

2nd Division: Military and Veteran Honorees

3rd Division: Civic Service

4th Division: Community Support

11:00 AM: Conclusion of Parade at Town Hall and Commencement of the Memorial Day Ceremony

- **Parade Arrival Music:** Barrington Music and Ukelele Bill
- **Introductions:** Master of Ceremonies, Derick Daley, USMC
- **National Anthem:** Barrington High School Choral Ensemble
- **Barrington Middle School Student Readings:**
  - Gettysburg Address: Hadley Slusarz, 7th Grade
  - Student Essay: Sylvie Malpartida, 6th Grade
  - Student Essay: Fiona Lea, 7th Grade
  - Student Essay: Khaterina Tomasso, 8th Grade
- **Remarks:** Council President, Braxton Cloutier
- **Keynote Speaker:** James R. Holmes, Ph.D.
- **American Medley:** Barrington High School Choral Ensemble
- **Benediction:** Reverend Racquel Ray
- **TAPS:** Connor Meehan and Nico Soler
- **Bagpipe Performance of Amazing Grace:** Beth Butts
- **Closing Remarks:** Derick Daley, USMC
- **Ceremony Coordinator:** Shannon Boyle, US Army
- **Audio:** Kenny Kool



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### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### JAMES R. HOLMES, PH.D.

J. C. Wylie Chair of Maritime Strategy  
U. S. Naval War College

Dr. James Holmes is a distinguished professor, author, and former naval officer who holds the J.C. Wylie Chair of Maritime Strategy at the U.S. Naval War College. A veteran of the first Gulf War, he served as a surface-warfare officer aboard the battleship *USS Wisconsin*, where he became the last gunnery officer in history to fire a battleship's big guns in combat. He later served as an engineering and firefighting instructor, and as a military professor of strategy. For his civilian contributions, he has been awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

Dr. Holmes has authored or coauthored more than 30 book chapters and 400 scholarly essays, along with hundreds of opinion pieces in outlets ranging from *The New York Times* to *The National Interest* and *The Diplomat*. His books, including *Red Star over the Pacific*, *A Brief Guide to Maritime Strategy*, and *Habits of Highly Effective Maritime Strategists*, are widely read by U.S. and allied military professionals. *Red Star over the Pacific* has been named to multiple U.S. Navy and Marine Corps reading lists, translated into several languages, and cited by policymakers and international defense institutions.

An educator and global speaker, Dr. Holmes has taught or delivered lectures at institutions such as Harvard, Vanderbilt, Brown, Duke, Carnegie Mellon, and the Naval War Colleges of India, South Korea, and Japan. He has testified before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission and appeared on NPR, BBC, and other global broadcast outlets. In 2017, he deployed to the Pacific with Carrier Strike Group 9 aboard *USS Theodore Roosevelt*.

### GRAND MARSHAL RICHARD KING

Richard King, 87, was born and raised in Cambridge, MA and is a graduate of Tufts University and the Museum School of Fine Arts in Boston and has lived in Rhode Island over 50 years. He is an active member of the Providence Arts Club. Richard served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Richard has been a practicing artist and photographer for over 70 years. For 12 years, from 1991-2003, he served as the progress photographer for The Big Dig in Boston.

He has delivered keynote remarks aboard historic naval vessels including the *USS Constitution*, *USS Missouri*, *USS New Jersey*, and *USS Massachusetts*, commemorating pivotal moments in naval and American military history. His deep engagement with veterans and military history has made him a sought-after speaker for events honoring those who have served. He previously served as Memorial Day speaker in Barrington, West Warwick, and multiple Massachusetts communities.

Dr. Holmes is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and earned graduate degrees from Salve Regina University, Providence College, and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, where he completed his Ph.D. in international affairs. His leadership in maritime thought has earned praise from senior military figures including former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Tom Hayward and former Defense Secretary Gen. Jim Mattis.

In addition to his academic and military work, Dr. Holmes remains active in civic education and public service. He has addressed international audiences from Sydney to Rio de Janeiro, and serves on the standing committee of the World Affairs Council of Connecticut's Global Security Symposium. His participation in Memorial Day observances reflects his enduring commitment to honoring those who gave their lives in service to the nation.

As a frequent speaker at community commemorations, Dr. Holmes believes deeply in connecting historical memory to present-day service. His work encourages reflection on the values of duty, sacrifice, and national purpose, and he sees occasions like Memorial Day as essential opportunities to reaffirm those ideals across generations.

**OUR GREATEST THANKS TO THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY SASHA MEYER, CHAIR, AND SHANNON BOYLE, FULL MEMBER, FOR ALL THEIR INCREDIBLE HARD WORK AND TIME THEY HAVE DEVOTED TO MAKING THIS DAY SPECIAL, AND TO DPW FOR CLEANING THE PARADE ROUTE, SETTING EVERYTHING UP, AND TAKING IT DOWN.**