

Canoga Park Commemorates Fallen Heroes with 33rd Annual Memorial Day Parade

Annual community tradition returns to pay tribute to fallen heroes from every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

CANOGA PARK, CA, UNITED STATES, April 8, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Monday, May 26, 2025, Canoga Park will come alive in a powerful display of patriotism and remembrance as the [33rd Annual Memorial Day Parade](#) marches through the heart of the community. This year's theme, "Saluting the Price of Freedom," honors all who gave their lives in service to our nation.

Hosted by the Canoga Park Community Center, the parade pays tribute to fallen heroes from every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, while holding special reverence for local service members—including Canoga Park High School graduates—who made the ultimate sacrifice from World War II to today. With 50,000+ attendees expected, it remains one of Southern California's most powerful and unifying Memorial Day traditions.

The day promises a stirring lineup of marching bands, vintage vehicles, and patriotic floats, as community groups, scout troops, and students take to the streets to honor the legacy of those who gave everything for freedom.

Bill Ratner, Chair of the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade, reflects on the importance of this community tradition: "Our community's Memorial Day Parade marks both the solemnity of our salute to our fallen, as well as showing our 'Canoga Park Pride' on Memorial Day. For more than three decades, our community has come together to honor our Military Members who died in service to their country with a focus on the Gold Star Families from graduates of Canoga Park High School. The Parade celebrates our community's solemn commitment to never forget our

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33RD ANNUAL
CANOGA PARK MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025
Parade route on Sherman Way from Owensmouth to Cozycroft
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"Canoga Park Community Center Foundation is pleased to welcome all participants to the 33rd Annual Memorial Day Parade. This year we bring all the tradition along with some new ideas to make the parade safe and fun as we remember those that gave their lives for our freedom."

- Board of Directors

★ OPENING CEREMONY AT 10AM
★ PARADE BEGINS AT 11AM

FLOATS - A mobile patriotic show!
The Parade welcomes businesses, Chambers of Commerce, Neighborhood Councils, and Community Organizations to enter a float. If you are a business think about reaching out to a non-profit group and sponsoring their float!

MUSIC - Brings a parade to life!
Bands or choral groups may either march or ride. Help us with the music and reach out to your local school, church, military and community organizations with bands. The music, whether vocal or instrumental, must be patriotic and consistent with the USA parade theme.

PEOPLE - Our pride is shown with every participant!
People, young and old, marching or riding in the parade is a fitting tribute to the families who have sacrificed their loss for our freedom! Groups will have an opportunity to do a short performance during pre-planned parade stops along the parade route.

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Highlighting the event is Grand Marshal Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski, USN (Retired), a Southern California Native, whose distinguished career and continued dedication to service make him a fitting choice to guide the parade and inspire the next generation.

“I am honored to serve as the Grand Marshal for the 33rd Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade. Join us on May 26 as we honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Let’s come together as a community and salute the price of freedom,” shared Rear Admiral Shatynski.

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Where: Sherman Way, Canoga Park (Owensmouth to Cozycroft)

When: Monday, May 26, 2025

Opening Ceremony: 10:00 AM

Parade Start: 11:00 AM

Theme: “Saluting the Price of Freedom”

What: A powerful community tradition honoring fallen service members with marching bands, vintage cars, floats, and local pride

Grand Marshal: Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski, USN (Retired)

Expected Attendance: Over 50,000

Get Involved: canogaparkmemorialdayparade.com

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About the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade

For over three decades, the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade has been a cherished tradition, bringing together families, friends, and neighbors to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. More than just a parade, this event is a heartfelt tribute, filled with marching bands, floats, veterans, community groups, and local businesses coming together to show their gratitude.

The Canoga Park Community Center is proud to host this beloved event, keeping the spirit of remembrance alive while fostering a sense of unity, civic pride, and tradition. Whether marching, riding, or cheering from the sidelines, every participant plays a role in ensuring that the sacrifices of our heroes are never forgotten.

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