



Memorial Day Services

Marietta, Pennsylvania



May 25, 2026
11:00 AM

Organized by the Marietta Memorial Day Parade
Committee

Parade Procession

Division I

Post #466 American Legion Riders

Vagabonds Car Club

Susquehanna Regional Police Department

Color Guard:

Boy Scout Troop #53

Cub Scout Pack #150

Grand Marshall: John David Shireman

Post #466 Commander: CDR. Charles Shireman
Vietnam Era Veteran

Mayor of Marietta: Rebecca Carroll - Baltozer

Guest Speaker - LTC William J Hennessey, III

Guest Singer: Rachel Wallace

Donegal High School Marching Band

Memorial Day Patriotic Citizens

Pioneer Fire Company No. 1

Division II

Lancaster Fencibles

Marietta Restoration Ass. 250th Anniversary Float

Post 466 Chaplain: Jerry Neff

Hempfield/Riverview Brownie Troop #70619

Daisy Troop #70392

Donegal High School Alumni Band

Post 466 Auxiliary Honorary Member: Loretta Portner

Post 466 Auxiliary Float

President of Post 466 Auxiliary: Lori Nau

L. Weber Painting.

Donegal Braves Football Association

Marietta Fireworks

Houseal Plumbing

MESA

Parade Procession

Division III

York Kiltie Band

Donegal Substance Abuse Alliance

"The Patriot"

Donegal Prom King & Queen: Derek Palmeri & Aurora Ammto

Donegal Tribe Softball

Military Jeep - Charlie & Leslie Caukins

Donegal High School Essay Winner: Tatiana Rineer

Donegal High School Homecoming Queen: Amy Shaker

Donegal Youth Soccer

Iron Born Bistro/Cravings Cookie Co.

Columbia Borough Fire Department

Division IV

Lancaster County Library Book Mobile

Craig Kauffman: Vietnam Era Veteran

Marietta Lions Club President: Pat Ashcraft

Marietta Lions Club Float

Marietta Borough Council

Donegal Cheer Booster Club

Doug Vera, Honoring Irv Lighty

Marlin Dietz - Vietnam Veteran

Alpha Pack K9's

Donegal Baseball Association

Kracker Beez

East Donegal Township Fire Department

2026 Grand Marshall John "David" Shireman

John joined the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1958 when he was seventeen years old. Upon graduating from Donegal High School in 1960 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. John was married in January of 1960. He spent boot camp at The Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Upon graduating he was assigned to The USS Wasp in South Boston Naval Ship Yards. John became a Seaman Apprentice when he transferred from the reserve unit. He moved his wife and daughter to West Lynn, Massachusetts. The USS Wasp was the flagship for Task Group Bravo which means we had the Admiral on board. While disbursed we saw 27 different countries.

While abroad I was assigned to Damage Control Third Class. Our job was to take charge of all general quarters, both topside and lower decks. My home station was the machine shop on the fantail.

I was honorably discharged on June 2, 1962. I am very proud of my naval career. After that I went into Mechanical Engineering with AMP, Inc. for 38 years.

2026 Guest Speaker LTC William J. Hennessy III

United States Army

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Bill Hennessy is a student at the United States Army War College. Prior to his arrival at Carlisle Barracks, he was assigned to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, where he served as Deputy, Nuclear Wargaming and Analysis, and Military Assistant to the Director. Previous assignments include Infantry Platoon Leader, Rifle Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Assistant Operations Officer, 1-25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team; Company Commander, 2-54 Infantry; Brigade Knowledge Management Officer and Assistant Operations Officer, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Chief, Plans and Exercises, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); and Modeling and Simulation Section Head, NATO Joint Force Training Center. LTC Hennessy received his commission as an Infantry Officer from the University of South Alabama in 2005 and became a Functional Area 57 (Simulation Operations) in 2013. He holds a Master Of Science degree from Purdue University and is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Maneuver Captains Career Course, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Ranger School, and Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with OLC, Meritorious Service Medal with OLC, Joint Service Commandation Medal with OLC, Army Commendation Medal with OLC, OIF and OEF Campaign Medals, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Master Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Ranger Tab. LTC Hennessy's interests include riding motorcycles, fishing, hunting, shooting, snowboarding, hiking, biking and spending time with his family. He is married to Ashley Fischer Hennessy, and they have two children, Jillian and Billy.

Cemetery Program

Master of Ceremonies:	Steven Shireman
Invocation:	Post #466 Chaplain: Jerry Neff
Amazing Grace:	York Kiltie Band
Pledge of Allegiance:	CDR Charles Shireman
Introduction of Guests:	Steven Shireman
National Anthem:	Rachel Wallace
Opening Remarks:	Mayor Rebecca Carroll - Baltozer
Guest Speaker:	LTC William J. Hennesy, III
Dissertation:	Tatiana Rineer
Proclamation of Awards:	Kyle Shireman
Musical Tribute:	Donegal High School Marching Band
Dedication of Grave:	Post #466 Chaplain will decorate a grave of a veteran interred in the Marietta Cemetery
Benediction:	Post 466 Chaplain: Jerry Neff
Salute to Arms:	Squadron #466 Sons of the American Legion Firing Squad
Taps:	Donegal High School Marching Band

A Memorial Day Prayer

They served and fought and died so that we might be safe and free
Grant them, O'Lord, eternal peace and give them "The Victory"!
And in these days of unrest filled with grave uncertainty,
Let's not forget the price they paid to keep our Country free...
And, so, on this Memorial Day, we offer up a prayer.
May the people of all nations be unified in thy care,
And grant us understanding and teach us how to live.
So we may lose our selfish pride and learn to love and give,
And keep us ever mindful of the fighting men who sleep
In Arlington and foreign lands, so we may ever keep
The "Light of Freedom" burning in their honor throughout the years
And hear their cry for peace on earth resounding in our ears.
Forgive us our transgressions and "Oh, God, Be with us yet"
Lest in pride and arrogance we heedlessly forget.

Helen Steiner Rice

The Marietta Memorial Day Parade Committee would like to express thanks to the following for their contributions:

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The Marietta Memorial Day Parade Committee

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A Thank-you for Honoring the Fallen

The Marietta Memorial Day Parade Committee would like to extend a well deserved Thank-you to the scouting organizations who decorated the cemeteries throughout Marietta to Honor those past Veterans of all Wars.

Thank-you for attending this year's service

The Special Fire Police will be on duty during the Memorial Day Services.
Please show them your courtesy.

The final Inspection

The Marine stood and faced God.
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining, Just as brightly as his brass.

Step forward now, Soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To my Church, have you been true?

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sunday's,
And at times my talk was tough. And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But I never took a Penny.
That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got too steep.

And I neer passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place
Among the people here
They never wanted me around,
Except to claim their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
I needn't be so grand.
I Never expected or had too much.
But if you don't, I understand.

There was a silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

Step forward now, Soldier,
You've borne your burdens well,
Walk Peacefully on heaven's streets
You've done your time in hell.

UnKnown Soldier