

# Wilmington Memorial Day Committee

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## 146 Years of Remembering

The Wilmington Memorial Day Committee invites the public to Wilmington's 2013 Memorial Day parade; either as marchers or spectators. This year marks the 146th consecutive observance of the traditional Memorial Day, May 30, in Wilmington.

On May 5, 1868, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) commander in chief General John Alexander Logan issued General Order #11, which established the Thirtieth Day of May as Memorial Day to honor those who had fallen during the War. The GAR was the largest organization of Union veterans of the Civil War.

That same year, a group of New Castle County citizens formed a Memorial Day Committee. Through their efforts the City of Wilmington conducted ceremonies and activities on May 30 in compliance with General Logan's Order.

Subsequent members of that original Committee have continued in the spirit and effort of the original members honoring our war dead on May 30.

The parade lines up 5:15 p.m., steps off at 6:00 p.m., May 30, on Delaware Ave. at Woodlawn Ave.. Participants march east down Delaware Avenue to the Civil War Monument at Broom St., where we honor the dead of all wars with a memorial service.

We feel it is important, as we know you do, to pass on the tradition of honoring those who have given their lives for our country.

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General Order # 11, May 5, 1868

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March 18, 2013

Dear Representative:

On behalf of Wilmington's Memorial Day Committee, **we earnestly ask for your financial support to help make possible the 2013 Wilmington Memorial Day Parade.**

**This year marks the 146th consecutive observance of the traditional Memorial Day, May 30, in Wilmington, DE.** The tradition began in 1868, when a group of New Castle County citizens formed a Memorial Day Committee to honor those who died in the Civil War.

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We feel it is important, as we know you do, to pass on the tradition to our young people of honoring those who have given their lives for our country.

Your financial support will help defray our parade expenses and be a tribute to those who have died for our country.

For your convenience, our sponsor contract is enclosed with this letter. **Please call John Flaherty, committee member, at (302) 319-1213 with any questions.**

Sincerely,

*Paul Cathell, Vice-Chairman*

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## **SPONSOR CONTRACT**

<b>Gold Sponsor</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>Silver Sponsor</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Bronze Sponsor</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Booster Sponsor</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

I hereby agree to financially support the Wilmington Memorial Day Parade by becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ sponsor and donate \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for the sponsorship level I have chosen.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to:

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*The Wilmington Memorial Day Committee, Inc. thanks you for your support.*