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## **127th Annual Memorial Day Parade**

(Olde Towne Portsmouth, VA) – Hosted by the Portsmouth Mayor’s Military Affairs Committee and the City of Portsmouth, the nation’s oldest continuous Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Rear Admiral Mike Stocks, Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth will be the Grand Marshal.

The parade route will begin at I. C. Norcom High School, travel along High Street to Crawford Street, and end on Crawford and Columbia Streets. The reviewing stand will be located at the corner of High and Court Streets.

The units in the parade this year will include approximately 10 marching band units consisting of military, high school and community bands; veterans organizations such as the DAV, VFW, Fleet Reserve Associations, and American Legion groups; Boy Scouts of America troops; high school ROTC units; military and antique vehicles; church youth groups; local pageant contestants, City of Portsmouth public safety officers, and more!

Also, there will be vendors along the parade route selling soft drinks and other non-perishable food items, and novelty items including t-shirts, hats, and other mementos.

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