



# Memorial Day 2025

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## USCG Auxiliary and Marine Corps League Memorial Day 2025

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Auxiliarist Matthew Cronin is a member of Flotilla 130 10 03 (Helena, Montana) and currently serve as Division Commander. He has participated in the Memorial Day events for several years with the Marine Corps League (MCL). As an Associate member of the MCL they let Coast Guard veterans join, with predictable and good-natured inter-Sea Services rivalry. The MCL is composed of active duty, reserve, non-active-duty, retired Marines and Associates and does much charity work, service to veterans, and hosts the annual Marine Corps Ball in November. This year's Memorial Day Parade and Gold Star Memorial Service was held on 26 May 2025 in Bozeman Montana.



L-R: USMC Sergeant Sean Gummer, DCDR Matthew Cronin, Lance Corporal Joe Hoffman  
Memorial Day, Veterans Memorial, Bozeman, Montana

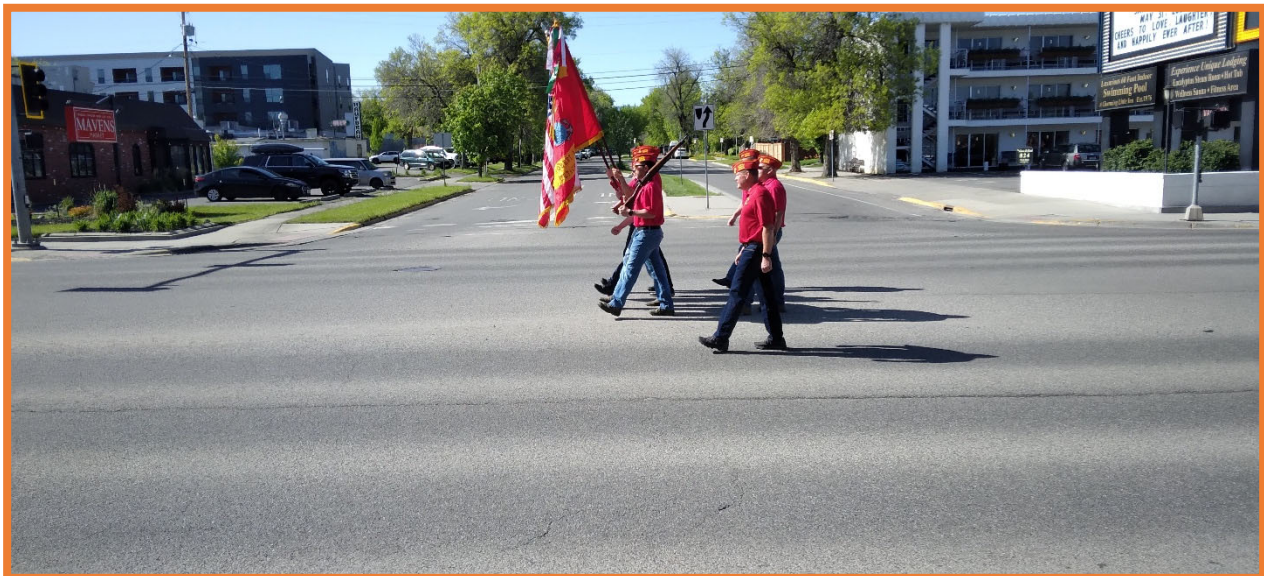
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The parade is a big event, with families lining Main Street in Bozeman and cheering enthusiastically for the marching bands, veterans in jeeps, and cowgirls on horseback.



L-R: Marines Matt Heaney, Jay Kneifel, Matt Cronin, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Leslie Allen, Mark Allen

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Marine Corps League color guard in the Memorial Day parade.

*Photo Credit: Matthew Cronin*





Cowgirls line up at the start of the Memorial Day parade in Bozeman.

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A Gold Star Memorial service followed the parade at the Bozeman Veterans' Memorial, which is a 1/3 size replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Washington, D.C. Speeches and a solemn reading of Gold Star service men and women names and recognition of their families were accompanied by a three-shot volley by American Legion and MCL riflemen.



Gold Star Memorial, Bozeman, MT

*Photo Credit: Matthew Cronin*



American Legion and Marine Corps League riflemen prepare to fire a three-shot volley in formation at the Vietnam Wall Veterans Memorial.

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Many comments were received expressing appreciation from veterans and families for the work of the USCG and USCG Auxiliary during the Memorial Day celebration. Although the Auxiliary has a small presence in Montana, it gained recognition for their service to the public during the Memorial Day events in Montana.

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