

**Memorial Day 2016**  
**Seymour Remembers**  
**Parade, Essay Contest, Poster Contest**

The annual Memorial Day parade in the Town of Seymour will be held on Sunday, May 29, 2016. Activities and speakers will start the day prior to the parade, beginning at 11:00 AM at the reviewing stand, which will be located at the corner of Main & Bank Streets. The parade will start at the conclusion of these activities. The parade will form at French Memorial Park, proceed on Route 67 (New Haven Rd.) to the downtown area, turn left onto Main Street and proceed on Main Street to Broad Street, cross the Broad Street Bridge and disband at the Community Center at 20 Pine Street.

During the Memorial Day Parade, the local Sikh community will distribute free ice cream from a location next to the reviewing stand at Bank and Main Streets as well as along the parade route.

The VFW, in conjunction with the Seymour Board of Education, will be conducting a poster contest and essay contest for Seymour school students. Rules and information for both contests are listed below.

The Memorial Day essay contest will have the theme of “what Memorial Day means to me.” It is open for students in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades of the Seymour Middle School. Essays should be more than 100 but less than 250 words and should depict the author’s impression of this year’s theme. All entries must be received by May 3, 2016 and will be judged by members of the Memorial Day Committee as well as representatives of the Seymour School System. The top two essays will be awarded a plaque and \$50 each, to be awarded at the Memorial Day reviewing stand prior to the start of the parade.

The Memorial Day posters will also have a theme of “What Memorial Day means to me.” All posters will be drawn on 8 ½ x 11 standard copy/poster paper and should depict the artist’s concept of this year’s theme. All posters must be received no later than April 28, 2016 in order to allow time to post all the posters and allow for voting by the general public.

The posters will be posted in shop windows in the downtown area. The public will have an opportunity to view them and cast a ballot for their favorite. The ballots will be tallied and the winners selected. Each participating place of business will be provided a ballot box as well as a list of participating businesses. Every entry will be given a token of appreciation. Third and fourth place winners will receive a \$25 check. The top two winners will receive \$50 and a plaque to be awarded at the Memorial Day reviewing stand.

Any questions can be answered by calling Al Yagovane at (203) 736-7981 or John Stelma at (203) 888-3104.