

## American Legion Post 76 In North Haven Sponsoring 79th Annual Memorial Day Parade



The parade will be held on Saturday May 24th at 10:30am. Residents are encouraged to find seating along the route, which starts at the High School, goes east on Bailey Road, then north on Maple Avenue, continues on Church Street, and ends at the corner of Church and St. John.

The grandstand will be located at the Green, across the from the Town Hall. The parade will be broadcasted live on NHTV: Comcast channel 18 or 1070, Frontier channel 6051, and on Facebook at NHTV.

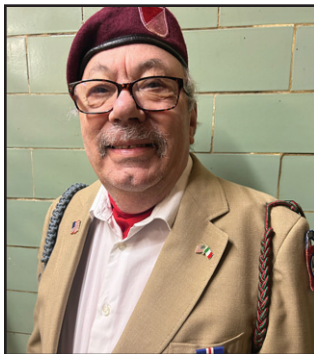
This year's parade Grand Marshal is Luigi DiSorbo. Luigi was born on November 4, 1944 in Ruviano, Italy and his family arrived in the United States shortly after. Luigi was proud to serve his new country and voluntarily joined the U.S. Army, and the esteemed 82nd Airborne Division. He recorded 23 jumps on his military record. From 1962 to 1965, Luigi served his country, with a significant portion of his duty taking him to Korea during the escalating tension of the Vietnam War.

Upon completing his military service, Luigi returned home to New Haven. There he married his wife, Linda Castellano, a native of East Haven. Luigi and Linda embarked on a new chapter, opening DiSorbo's Italian Bakery in Hamden, CT in 1972

Luigi DiSorbo has served as Commander of Post 150 in Hamden, the Chaplain of Post 12084 in Seymour, and is a member of Post 76 in North Haven, and still continues to serve his fellow veterans old and new at the local and state events.

In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be held on Saturday, May 31st. For any questions, please contact Nick Mastroianni at (203) 430-0411.

At 9am on May 24th American Legion Post 76 will conduct a Memorial Day service on the Green. They will be honoring all veterans who have passed since last year. All are welcome to attend.



Luigi DiSorbo

## Connecticut to Honor Living World War II Veterans in 2025 Ceremony

North Haven is seeking living World War II veterans residing in our community who have served at any time from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946.

In a heartfelt effort to honor and recognize the courage and sacrifices of living World War II veterans, Connecticut Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, in collaboration with Veterans Affairs Commissioner Ron Welch and Major General Francis Evon of the Connecticut National Guard, announced a commemorative ceremony. This event will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 11am at the Governor William A. O'Neill State Armory, located at 360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT.

The ceremony marks the 80th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, a pivotal moment in history that ended in September 1945. The event aims to recognize and thank members of the Greatest Generation, whose dedication and bravery shaped the freedom and democracy enjoyed today.

North Haven is seeking living World War II veterans residing in our community who have served at any time from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946. Please contact the Selectman's office at 203-239-5321 ext. 680 or via email at [firstselectman@northhaven-ct.gov](mailto:firstselectman@northhaven-ct.gov) with the veteran's name, including their branch of service and age **no later than April 30, 2025.**

This information will be shared with the Lieutenant Governor's office to ensure all veterans are properly honored. Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz conveys that this ceremony serves as a reminder of the immeasurable contributions made by World War II veterans. By gathering to celebrate their service, Connecticut ensures that their legacy endures, and their sacrifices are never forgotten.

The state invites everyone to join in this historic tribute and express gratitude to those who served during one of the most defining periods in modern history.

**FOR SALE: Craftsman 22" push mower, 4.75hp, B&S engine, serviced, one pull starting, excellent \$100; (203) 214-5232**

**FOR SALE: White crib/toddler bed, dark brown base, mattress, 55"Wx31"Dx35"H good cond. \$50; (203) 915-0504**

**FOR SALE: Medline wheelchair, max weight 300 lbs., blue, exc. cond. \$75 (was \$185 from Apex Pharmacy); (203) 214-5885**

**FOR SALE: DE pool filter, jacuzzi with 1/2hp motor, never saw a winter, plus deck ladder and pool supplies \$150; (203) 623-7476**

## Edward Smith Library

3 Old Post Rd., Northford

### UPCOMING APRIL/MAY EVENTS

To register for events at the library, visit the Events Calendar at our website: <https://northbranford.librarycalendar.com/> or call (203) 484-0469.

**Bring Back the Fireflies: Tues., April 29, 7-8pm.** Learn about native fireflies and the simple things you can do in your own yard that will increase their survival. Presented by Nancy Tipping of the Xerces Society, a nonprofit to protect invertebrates and their habits.

**Tots and Tunes: Fri., May 2, 10:30-11am.** A half hour of songs, stories, and movement. Recommended for ages 18-months and up, with a parent or care-giver. Siblings welcome. Drop-in program; registration not required.

**Monday Night Mah-Jongg: May 5, 6-8pm.** Those interested in playing Mah-Jongg are invited. Participants should bring their Mah Jongg sets.

**Celebrate Firefighters Story-time: Tues., May 6, 10:30-11am.** We will sing songs, read a story, and meet real firefighters! This is a drop-in program; registration not required.

**Children and Digital Devices: Wed., May 7, 6-7pm.** Come to the first of four discussions on the effect of digital devices on children, based on the bestselling book *The Anxious Generation*, by Jonathan Haidt. Topics include: impact of a phone-based childhood; loss of play; how to work with schools, other families and community. **Other sessions will be held at the same time on May 14, 21 & 28.** Attendance at all sessions is recommended but not required. The program is a collaboration of the North Branford Public Libraries and the North Branford Public Schools. School and library staff will facilitate.

**DIY Paper Squishies: Thurs., May 8, 5:30-6:30pm.** Make your own paper squishy of your own design, or use one of our templates. Recommended for K-6.

**DISCUSSIONS OF "THE ANXIOUS GENERATION"** Discussions of how our digital age affects today's youth - based on the bestselling book "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt - will be held at Smith Library in May.

Four Wednesday sessions will be held from 6-7pm on May 7, 14, 21 & 28 at Smith, 3 Old Post Rd.

Discussion topics include:

- Impact of a phone-based childhood.
- Loss of play.
- How to work with schools, other families and community.
- Takeaways and next steps.

Author Jonathan Haidt is a social psychologist and the Thomas Cooley Professor of Ethical Leadership at the New York University Stern School of Business.

In the book, Haidt argues that the spread of smartphones, social media and overprotective parenting have led to a "rewiring" of childhood and a rise in mental illness. He suggests that parents, schools, governments and communities all play a role in reducing the potential harms of technology and social media.

Attendance for all four sessions is recommended but not required. To register, visit the library website, [northbranford.librarycalendar.com](http://northbranford.librarycalendar.com), or call (203) 484-0469.

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## QU to Host "illuminate: The Student Expo"

**Hamden:** Quinnipiac University will shine a spotlight on the academic excellence and creativity of its students during "illuminate: The Quinnipiac Student Expo" on Fri., May 2, from 1-5pm in the Recreation and Wellness Center on the Mount Carmel Campus, 275 Mount Carmel Avenue. This

event is free and open to the public.

This university-wide showcase will highlight student research, scholarship and creative endeavors from across the university.

### Schedule of Events:

- Oral Presentations: 1-5pm
- Artwork Display: 1-4:50pm
- Game Design & Development
- Interactive Exhibits: 1-4:50pm
- Poster Presentation Session 1: 3-3:50pm

- School of Communications Interactive Exhibits: 3-4:50pm
- Performances (Piano, Violin, Voice, Jazz Band): 3:30-4:50pm
- Poster Presentation Session 2: 4-4:50pm

For more information, contact Pat Boily, associate dean for administration and finance in the College of Arts and Sciences, at [Pat.Boily@qu.edu](mailto:Pat.Boily@qu.edu).

## Wallingford Garden Club Members Visit Skyview Center For Healing, Therapy and Senior Gardening Program



**Pictured:** WGC members: Crissy Besaw, Sue Surato, Joellen Nellums, and Laura Cannon, and picket fence.

The Wallingford Garden Club visited Skyview Center for a Spring Craft program. Resident attendance was small due to prior illnesses at Skyview. We all masked up and Joellen Nellums presented her delightful spring craft project of painting a small wooden picket style fence then adding embellishments. Their creations were beautiful and a good time had by all.

WGC members assisting were Crissy Besaw (chairperson), Sue Surato, Joellen Nellums, and newest WGC member Laura Cannon.

The Wallingford Garden Club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc., New England Garden Clubs, Inc., and National Garden Club, Inc. Photos by Betty Wilson

