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WINNERS OF MUSICAL BAND CONTESTS ANNOUNCED BY 2009 CONNECTICUT VETERANS DAY PARADE

HARTFORD, CONN., November 9, 2009 – The **winners of the five Band Contests at the 2009 Connecticut Veterans Day Parade** in Downtown Hartford have been **announced**. **More than 25 different musical units marched** in the Sunday, November 8 parade, including college, high school and middle school bands, pipe and drum, and fife and drum bands. **A judging panel selected one winner in each of five categories. Each band will receive a trophy from parade organizers.**

The winners of the 2009 Connecticut Veterans Day Parade Band Awards are:

1) FRANK FALANA MEMORIAL AWARD FOR BEST PIPE & DRUM CORPS goes to

[The Connecticut Firefighter Pipes and Drums Band;](#)

2) BEST FIFE & DRUM CORPS AWARD goes to

[Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes & Drums;](#)

3) BEST MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND goes to

[Hartford Magnet Middle School Marching Band;](#)

4) BEST HIGH SCHOOL BAND goes to

[Rockville High School Band;](#) and

5) BEST PARADE SPIRIT goes to

[The University of Connecticut Marching Band.](#)

More than 4,000 marchers marched in Sunday's 10th annual "Connecticut Veterans Day Parade" and an estimated 45,000 spectators cheered them on. The event is the largest veterans parade in New England and is one of the largest salutes to veterans in the entire U.S. For more information about the annual Connecticut Veterans Day Parade, go to www.ctveteransdayparade.org or call 860-986-7254.

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