



Aleppo Shriners

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Illustrious Potentate

TOUR OF DUTY CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

I am pleased to announce Illustrious Clifford A. Critch has accepted an invitation for the Aleppo Shriners to participate in the City of Somerville Memorial Day Parade on Sunday May 25, 2025.

As Chief of Staff, it gives me great pleasure to provide the following details and instructions.

PLEASE NOTE THE ALEPPO PARKING LOCATION ON PARADE DAY:

Parking will be in front of Aleppo Shriners Auditorium.

Parade Assembly Area: Davis Square – in the Parking Lot at Highland Avenue and Grove Street, Somerville, MA

8:00 AM Nobles assigned for unloading their vehicles from the tractor trailers before the start of the parade will meet Mark Norton, Transportation Director, **in front of Aleppo Shriners Auditorium**, and will proceed to the parade assembly area for unloading and parade assembly.

Aleppo trucks will not participate in the parade.

All Units transporting their own equipment and Nobles traveling by private vehicle will proceed to the assembly area to unload their vehicles prior to parade assembly time.

After off-loading, all vehicles will leave the assembly area and proceed to the end of the parade route – Broadway at North Street, Somerville MA. The Aleppo Bus / Vans will run from 8:45 AM to 10:30 AM from the end of the parade route to the parade assembly area.

8:45 AM Nobles traveling to the assembly area by Aleppo Bus / Vans will park **in front of Aleppo Shriners Auditorium** and load from that location.

9:00 AM Aleppo Bus / Vans will leave promptly to proceed to the parade assembly area.

9:30 AM Parade Assembly.

Aleppo Stewards, under the direction of Chief Steward John Maihos, will provide food and soft drinks PRIOR to the parade in the parade assembly area.

11:00 AM Parade step-off – rain or shine.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Watts, Sr.

Chief of Staff

This is an annual event sponsored by the City of Somerville, MA Department of Veterans Services and the parade committee; and I urge all Nobles to join me in making an impressive showing for the Somerville community at this patriotic and solemn event.

PARADE DRESS

Divan & Ceremonial Masters: Dark Blue Sports Jacket, White Shirt, Kid’s Tie, Gray Pants, Jewel, and Fez
Past Potentates: Grey Jacket, White Shirt, Black Pants, Jewel, and Fez
Appointed Officers: White Shirt, Black Pants, Shrine Cummerbund, and Fez
Uniformed Units: Parade Uniform and Fez
Parading Nobles: White Shirt, Black Pants, and Fez

DIRECTIONS TO THE SOMERVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:

PARADE ASSEMBLY AREA – In the parking lot at Highland Avenue and Grove Street

From Route 93 North: (This route is not for tractor-trailers) Proceed South on Route 93 to Exit 22. Merge onto MA Route 16 E / Mystic Valley Parkway – stay right to turn at the lights. Proceed to the next traffic light – cross through the light onto Harvard Street and proceed to the rotary. Go halfway around the rotary to College Avenue and follow College Avenue - turn left onto Morrison Avenue, turn right onto Willow Avenue, and turn right onto Highland Avenue.

Tractor Trailers and Pickups with Trailers: Proceed South on Route 93 to Exit 22. Merge onto MA Route 16 E / Mystic Valley Parkway – stay right to turn at the lights. Proceed to the next traffic light – to turn left onto Mystic Avenue Route 38. Follow Mystic Avenue Route 38 to Route 28 – McGrath-O’Brien Highway. Cross over railroad bridge and turn right on Medford Street, slight left onto Highland Avenue and proceed towards Davis Square.

From Route 93 South: Proceed North on Route 93 to Exit 21 towards Somerville/Medford. Merge onto Merge onto Mystic Avenue. Follow Mystic Avenue to the traffic light at Harvard Street – turn left at the light onto Harvard Street and proceed to the rotary. Go halfway around the rotary to College Avenue and follow College Avenue - turn left onto Morrison Avenue, turn right onto Willow Avenue, and turn right onto Highland Avenue.

PLEASE return by mail the coupon below to arrive at Shriners Auditorium NO LATER THAN one week prior – May 17, 2024; or send an email to Maribel Deluca at mdeluca@alepposhriners.com. Your cooperation will assist us in planning bus transportation and that enough food for collation is prepared. Thank you.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
Sunday May 25, 2025

- [] Yes, I will participate in the **City of Somerville Memorial Day Parade**
- [] Yes, I will need a ride on the Aleppo Bus / Van from the Auditorium to/from the parade
- [] Sorry, I cannot participate in the **City of Somerville Memorial Day Parade**

Name: _____ Unit: _____

PARADE MAP

