

The Memorial Day Parade

Troop 777 participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th.

It was an usually hot day reaching temperatures up to 100 degrees fahrenheit, but the attendance was still high. The troop did its usual razzle dazzle and circles with much

success but there was something different about this parade. Our troop carried a banner to honor 2nd Lt. David Rylander, who was killed in action May 2, 2012 in Logar Province, Afghanistan. David was a Eagle Scout in Troop



777. His mother Jackie Rylander was the Advancement Chairperson in the troop for many years. His father John is an Assistant Scoutmaster with the troop and their son Daniel, David's brother, reached the rank of Eagle as well with Troop 777. His brother Stephen is currently a member of the troop and is climbing toward his Eagle rank. They also have a sister Sarah. As 777 marched by people stood out of respect for David. Troop 777 always concludes the parade by attending the memorial service at Markillie Cemetery which is located at the end of the parade route. The memorial service honors veterans who have given their lives for our country and freedoms. This year, David Rylander was honored for his service to our country as his family and Troop 777 stood nearby. The parade has always been an important part of Troop 777, but it will now hold another special meaning as David Rylander will be remembered always by the troop, but especially on Memorial Day.