



Red, White & Rye Day

Independence Day Procession & Commemorative Ceremony

Saturday, July 4, 2026 • Town of Rye, New Hampshire

Presented to the Rye Selectboard by the Rye New Hampshire Historical Society

MORNING PROCESSION

TIME	PROGRAM
10:30 AM	Gather — Church Driveway by the Gazebo Assembly of the Rye 300 USA 250 banner, color guard (U.S., New Hampshire & Town of Rye flags), bagpipers, and ceremony speakers. Community members are warmly welcome to join and march.
10:45 AM	Procession Departs A short, ceremonious procession proceeds down Washington Road, led by the color guard and pipers, to Parsons Field.
~11:00 AM	Arrival at Parsons Field Procession enters the field; speakers take the professional full-service stage as the community gathers.

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY — PARSONS FIELD STAGE

TIME	PROGRAM
	Welcome & Recognition Opening welcome and recognition of the color guard and bagpipers.
	Invocation & Moment of Reflection A brief invocation and moment of reflection.
	The National Anthem Performance of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”
	Reading of the Declaration of Independence Reading of key sections of the Declaration of Independence.
	Keynote Address — 250 Years of American Independence Major General David J. Mikolaites reflects on and honors the 250th anniversary of the United States.
	Honoring 300 Years of Rye — Self-Government Bill Epperson, former Rye elected official and former Chair of the Rye Selectboard, honors three centuries of self-government in the Town of Rye.
	Ceremonial Opening of Red, White & Rye Day Official opening of the day’s festivities.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

TIME	PROGRAM
11:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Red, White & Rye Day Festivities Games, food, live music, local community groups, and vendors — celebrating throughout the afternoon at Parsons Field.

Rye 300 | USA 250 — Three Centuries of Community, Coast & Country

Times are approximate and subject to final coordination. Schedule provided for Selectboard review.