

## **A CALL TO PROTEST AND RESIST**



**Trump to speak at USCG graduation  
New London, CT**

**Gather and Protest  
In the spirit of Nonviolent Action**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
9:00 to 10:30am**

**at McKinley Park  
on Williams St.  
& Mohegan Ave. Parkway**

**park on side streets where allowed**

Sponsors: Voluntown Peace Trust, War Resisters League,  
Indivisible SECT, Guardians of Democracy Indivisible,  
Indivisible East Lyme, CT50501, New London Civil Liberties Defense,  
Hartford Catholic Workers, New London Greens

### **Time for a Reality Check**

Trump will deliver the keynote address at the United States Coast Guard Graduation ceremonies in New London on May 20th, ostensibly, if recent press announcements are to be believed, “congratulating the cadets on their dedication and hard work.” If his other speeches are any indication, he will no doubt instead spend the bulk of his time in self-congratulation, listing the fabricated “achievements” of his disastrous MAGA government as it works overtime to bring our country’s short-lived, already imperfect, 250-year-old democratic experiment to its end.

Protesters will be there to provide a reality check.

*“The Trump administration’s second term has been marked by a relentless and pervasive assault on rights and freedoms. The...administration is not only rolling back hard-fought protections of recent decades; it is actively dismantling foundational pillars of US democracy.” --Tanya Greene, US program director at Human Rights Watch.*

### **Here is a partial list of the MAGA government’s “achievements” over the past eighteen months:**

- undermining trust in elections and attempting to manipulate future outcomes while reducing government accountability
- removing food assistance and healthcare subsidies from the neediest
- attacking judicial independence and defying court orders
- rolling back women’s rights while criminalizing and obstructing access to abortion care
- removing remedies for racial discrimination (including the most recent evisceration of the 1965 Voting Rights Act)
- terminating programs mandating accessibility for people with disabilities
- stripping protections from trans and intersex people
- eroding privacy while punishing free speech and using government power to intimidate and silence all political opponents
- deploying masked Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and border patrol agents as a separate police force to target people of color, use excessive force, terrorize communities, and wrongfully arrest, imprison, and murder citizens and non-citizens alike
- withdrawing from key international institutions and agencies, including important forums for climate negotiations
- eviscerating US aid programs that provided a lifeline to children, older people and those needing health care, LGBTQ+ people, women, and human rights defenders
- aggressively using military strikes and fighting wars to enforce regime change and to bolster Western hegemony, most notably in Venezuela and in the ongoing war against Iran (which has cost the United States \$72 billion to date, killed thousands and displaced millions throughout the region)
- continuing to uphold and enable the Israeli government in its ongoing genocide against the people of Gaza

<https://www.wearehumanlevel.com/content-hub/human-rights-watch-world-report-2026>; <https://www.hrw.org/news/2026/02/04/us-trump-administrations-pervasive-attacks-on-rights>

### **Silence is not an option!**

**Resist this endless war. Resist fascism now (before it’s too late.)**  
**New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice: May 17, 2026**

**<https://newhavensundayvigil.org>**