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Mayor Hornik Announces Annual Memorial Day Parade Marlboro to Honor Military Personnel and Veterans

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (May 16, 2017) – Mayor Jonathan Hornik and the Marlboro Township Veterans and Volunteers Committee invite the public to attend the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 2:00pm. The parade route will begin at the Marlboro Mall at the corner of School Road West and Route 79 and will continue down Wyncrest Road onto Township Drive. A memorial service will be held at the Municipal Complex's Veteran's Memorial at the conclusion of the parade, and light refreshments will follow.

Mayor Jonathan Hornik stated, "I hope that many residents will line the parade route to honor and show support for those members of our Armed Forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation and as a show of support to our military veterans and our active duty military."

Staff Sergeant Christopher Page will serve as the parade's Grand Marshal. SSG Page recently returned from his deployment with the U.S. Army in the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He is currently a detachment NCOIC in the 360th Psychological Operations Company based out of Jersey City, NJ. Marlboro Township Council President Col. Jeff Cantor will lead the Memorial Service.

The parade will include representatives from the Township's First Aid Squad and Fire Departments. Shallow Brook Farm will feature a fully decorated antique John Deere tractor. The Marlboro High School Marching band will march in the parade and perform at the Memorial Service. This year the parade will feature horses provided by the Horsemen's Association of Millstone. Mayor Hornik, the Marlboro Township Council and representatives from County, State, and Local Governments will also be on hand to join in the parade.

Judith Kushner, Chair of the Veterans and Volunteers Committee, stated, "The parade not only honors our Veterans and those who gave their lives to keep our country safe, but it is an chance to make sure that our youth remember and honor those that protect their freedom."

As we near Memorial Day, residents are asked to inspect their American Flag for wear, fading or damage. If a Flag is unused or should be retired it may be brought to the American Flag Disposal bin permanently located in the lobby of Town Hall and available during normal business hours. The bin was built and donated by Marlboro resident and US Navy Veteran, William Waple. Marlboro Boy Scout Troop 86 collects the flags and arranges the ceremony to properly honor the flags that are damaged or no longer in service.

“The Veterans and Volunteers Committee has worked tirelessly throughout the year to plan for this parade as well as many other projects and events in the township. Chair Judith Kushner, Co-Chair Paul Lorenz, and the entire committee have my appreciation for the important work that they do,” stated Hornik. “This is an opportunity for our community to come together and show our gratitude and I look forward to it every year.”

The parade has been announced to the public through Township emails, Facebook, and the Marlboro Weekend Update newsletter. The parade route will be closed to both traffic and parking from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm on the day of the parade.

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