



Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2024

“A special day of reflection and remembrance to honor the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We are forever grateful.”

In Memory of Many – In Honor of All.

To the People of Weehawken:

We come together today with wreaths and flags to honor those who have given their lives for the things that we cherish the most about America. Our liberties. Our freedom. Our way of life. These freedoms we enjoy come from their sacrifice. We must always remember that freedom, indeed, is not free.

The lives and service of our nation’s veterans span every decade, every year, every day of our country’s existence. We owe them a great deal. It is up to us to give meaning to their sacrifice. They have left a legacy of freedom, but most of all they have taught us the love of country. Our world has changed, and our Armed Forces have changed, but the valor, dignity and courage of the men and women in uniform remain the same.

Weehawken has a strong history of service as shown by those whose names are inscribed on our memorial monuments on Boulevard East. These heroes shared the belief that they could make a difference – and they did. We remember these heroes whose time with us was short, but whose sacrifice will be felt for generations to come. They have taught us to face the challenges of today, without fear and with hope.

On this Memorial Day, we thank those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and extend our humble gratitude to all who serve our country today.

May God watch over all who continue to serve to keep our nation free.

God Bless America,
Mayor Richard F. Turner



Parade Officials

General Chairman

Gabriela Reynoso, Commander
American Legion Post 18

Vice Chairman

Brian Zelaya, Commander
Weehawken Veterans of Foreign Wars - #1923

Grand Marshal

Rafael Torres
US Army

Aide to the Grand Marshal

Jeffrey Welz
US Navy

Parade Liaison

Donna Macina
Weehawken Township

Line of March

Assembly Place: Highpoint and Gregory Avenues

Assembly Time: 9:00 am

Forward March: 9:30 am

Patriotic Exercises: 11:00 am at the Soldiers' & Sailors' Monuments, Boulevard East

Starting at assembly point of Highpoint and Gregory Avenues, west on Highpoint Avenue to Hudson Avenue, north on Hudson Avenue to Maple Street, east on Maple Street to Ridgely Place, continuing onto Pleasant Avenue and north on Pleasant Avenue to Park Avenue, proceeding up Park Avenue to 49th Street, east on 49th Street to Boulevard East (stopping for a few minutes), south on Boulevard East to Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument.

Memorial Day Parade Order

- ★ Weehawken Police Motorcycle Escort
- ★ North Hudson Regional Fire Department Escort
- ★ Union City US Marines Corps Jr. ROTC
Gunnery Sergeant Caonabo Reyes, USMC Retired – Mayor Brian P. Stack
- ★ Hudson County Sheriff's Department - *Frank X. Schillari*
- ★ Hampton Pipes & Drums
- ★ Grand Marshal: **Rafael Torres, US Army**
- ★ Aide to Grand Marshal: **Jeffrey Welz, US Navy**
- ★ Weehawken Post #18 American Legion – *Gabriela Reynoso, Commander*
- ★ Weehawken Veterans of Foreign Wars Oulton-Kraft Post #1923 – *Brian Zelaya, Commander*
- ★ Historic Military Vehicles
- ★ Flag Display Float - *Honoring Veterans throughout history*
- ★ Durning String Band
- ★ US Army National Guard B Co 2/113th Infantry
- ★ Weehawken Police Department Marching Unit
- ★ Classic Car Procession
- ★ Weehawken High School Marching Band –*Tyrell Butler, Director*
- ★ Mayor Richard F. Turner *and Township Council*
- ★ Weehawken Board of Education – *Jennifer Bolcar, President*
- ★ Weehawken Elks Lodge #1456 – *Kimberley Kingsbury, Exalted Ruler*
- ★ Classic Car Procession
- ★ Weehawken High School Girls Softball team – *Coach Raquel Roder, Nicole Fleck, Assistant Coach*
- ★ Weehawken Parking Authority
- ★ Weehawken Senior Citizens Bus – *Kathy Gohde, Director*
- ★ Weehawken Recreation Department
- ★ Weehawken Girl Scout Troops – *Lynn Earle, Meg Carson, Kerrin Burke, Leaders*
- ★ Cub/Boy Scout Troop #223 - *Steven Fox, Leader*
- ★ Memorial High School Band – *Charlie Castiblanco, Director – Mayor Albio B. Sires*
- ★ Classic Car Procession
- ★ Weehawken Water Tower Float
- ★ Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad Marching Unit -- *Jeff Welz, President*
- ★ Weehawken Fire Prevention Bureau Vehicle Escort
- ★ Weehawken Volunteer First Aid Squad Ambulances
- ★ No. Hudson Reg. Fire & Rescue Marching Unit & Vehicle Escort

In case of rain, program and exercises will be held in the Weehawken High School Auditorium, Liberty Place, Weehawken, NJ, at 11:00 am

For updates, please check: <https://www.weehawken-nj.us/recreation>

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Please display your American Flag on all holidays.



Program and Exercises

Soldiers & Sailors Monument

Boulevard East at 11am

- Program Chairman **Gabriela Reynoso**
Commander, American Legion Post #18
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag **Josie Pendergraft**
Roosevelt School
- Star Spangled Banner **Weehawken High School Marching Band**
Tyrell Butler, Director
- Invocation **Pastor Corinne Arthur**
Park United Methodist Church
- Gettysburg Address **Connor McGinley**
Weehawken High School
- Greetings **Mayor Richard F. Turner**
- Presentation of Wreaths
 - Carmela Silvestri-Ehret**, Deputy Mayor, 1st Ward Councilwoman, Weehawken Township
 - Kimberley Kingsbury**, Exalted Ruler, Weehawken Lodge of Elks #1456
 - Eric Crafton**, Vice-Commander, American Legion Post #18
 - Brian Zelaya**, Commander, Weehawken Veterans of Foreign Wars Oulton-Kraft Post #1923
 - Katie Sosa and Kathy Gohde**, Director, Weehawken Senior Citizens
- PFC Salvatore P. Cemelli Memorial Scholarship Award** **Brandon Rosado**
Introduced by Mayor Richard F. Turner, presented by **James F. Cemelli** Weehawken High School
- Weehawken Elks Scholarship Award **Sebastian Stratton**
Kimberley Kingsbury, Exalted Ruler, Weehawken Lodge of Elks #1456 Weehawken High School
- Veterans' Rituals **American Legion Post #18**
Weehawken Veterans of Oulton-Kraft Post #1923
- Roll Call Deceased Members (2023 - 2024)
 - Kimberley Kingsbury**, Exalted Ruler, Weehawken Lodge of Elks #1456
 - Gabriela Reynoso**, Commander, American Legion Post #18
 - Brian Zelaya**, Commander, Weehawken Veterans of Foreign Wars Oulton-Kraft Post #1923
- Taps **Tyrell Butler, Director**
Weehawken High School Band
- Benediction **Fr. Eric Fuchs**
St. Lawrence R.C. Church
- God Bless America **Weehawken High School Marching Band**

