

## **Metuchen Parade Commission**

Monday, April 11, 2023

Attendees: Maggy Cook, Angelo Donato, Rob Geigerich, Terry Kohl, Ellen Regan and Wendi Richards

### **Minutes**

#### **Memorial Park Ceremony and Parade**

- Parade step-off is 10am in the Halsey lot, with line-up starting at 9:15am
- The American Legion and Boy Scouts to handle Bunting and Flags for Main Street
- Committee volunteers to report at 8:30am
- Rob to set the Line of March
  - American Legion has secured an Army Personnel carrier towing a tank anti-gun to be in the parade
- Ellen to confirm Elie Hoenig and Ike Busch as MCs for the parade and provide their script
- The Urchin family will be on the reviewing stand for the parade. DPW to accommodate for 6 people on the stand which will be outside Cai's.
  - Jay Costello will take the family to Memorial Park and to Hillside Cemetery
  - Terry to arrange for flowers for the ladies and wreaths for both Memorial Park and Hillside Cemetery
- The Color Guard is set for the parade and Memorial Park
  - If they cannot also go to Hillside, the American Legion will provide a Color Guard for the burial
- Lisa confirmed former resident, Sgt Timmy Brown, for the Grand Marshall
  - Lisa to ask if he would be willing to say a few words about growing up in Metuchen and his Military career at Memorial Park.
- Confirmed military bound students are Charlie Alger and Grace Schleck (waiting on possibly a third)
  - They will be driven in the parade and honored at Memorial Park
- Maggy to produce the program for the Memorial Park Ceremony, hoping to secure a picture of Staff Sgt. Uhrin
- Rob to confirm Jamie Schleck as MC for the ceremony
  - Jamie will handle the welcome, introduction of the Urchin family and our Grand Marshall
- Terry to confirm the Clergy for the Invocation and Benediction
- Ellen to ask Jonathan Busch to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Read a Proclamation from the Town honoring the memory of Staff Sgt Uhrin
- Ellen will award the Poster Contest winner. Maggie will frame the winner's submission
- God Bless America to be sung by Nancy Conroy of Rise UP!
- American Legion will confirm Roll Call and Flag Raising will be done by Boy Scout Troop 14
- American Legion to confirm rifle salute to be done at the Memorial Park and at Hillside Cemetery
- Rob to confirm Taps by Metuchen High Band at Memorial Park and Hillside Cemetery
- Ellen and Wendi to handle the press release, Forum sign and Main Street banners, flyers for the school
- Ellen will collect the Art Contest entries and produce certificates for the participants
  - Judging will be at the 5/16 meeting
- Invite American Legion representative, DPW, MPD and Jay Costello of Costello Runyon to the next meeting.

**New Business**

- Monthly meetings will be moving to the third Tuesdays of the month.
  - Our final meeting before Memorial Day is Tuesday, May 16 at 7:15 PM at Boro Hall.