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World War II Veteran to Serve as 2015 Grand Marshal *Army Veteran Leo Hornsby of Hillsborough to Lead Commemoration Ceremonies*

Deputy Mayor Greg Burchette announced that Hillsborough resident and World War II Army Veteran Leo Hornsby will lead Hillsborough's 2015 Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremonies on May 23rd.

Veteran Radio Engine Specialist / Aerial Engineer Hornsby enlisted in the Army at the age of 18 years old. Upon the completion of his training, he was sent to the South Pacific. Ultimately, Veteran Hornsby served 10 years active duty. Upon his return home, he would marry, have three children and began working for Exxon Corporation. In 1982 he retired from Exxon after 26 years of service.

"It's been said, everyone should have a goal," Veteran Hornsby quipped when discussing his involvement in the Commemoration Program. "My goal is to be the 100 year old World War II Veteran, 9 years from now," stated Hornsby.

Veteran Hornsby will lead the Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade that begins at the corner of Auten and Triangle Roads at 10:30am. He will also be the featured speaker during the Garden of Honor Ceremony that begins at 11:15am at the Municipal Complex.

"As the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II approaches, it is all the more fitting to have a WWII Veteran serve as the Grand Marshal for our program for 2015. As always, we are honored to commemorate Memorial Day and have all the Hillsborough Veterans lead the parade," stated Deputy Mayor Greg Burchette during his announcement.

All Hillsborough veterans are invited to participate in the 10th Salute to Veterans Breakfast and to lead Hillsborough's Memorial Day Parade and Commemoration program on May 23rd. Registration is required for the breakfast and can be completed online at the Township's Parks and Recreation website, by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 908-369-4832 or by completing the paper registration form.

This year's Memorial Day commemorative program will kick off with the 'Salute to Veterans' Breakfast at the Municipal Building at 7:30 a.m., followed by the unveiling of the Veterans Way monument, the Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the intersection of Auten and Triangle Roads. The Salute to Veterans Breakfast will be held May 23rd rain or shine.

The ceremony at the Garden of Honor, at 11:15 a.m., will conclude the formal events for the day. The rain date for the parade and Garden of Honor Ceremonies is Sunday, May 24th.

"We warmly invite veterans, spouses and widows to provide their leadership and join us on May 23rd in commemorating this important day," Committeeman Carl Suraci, Township Committee Veterans' Liaison.

The public is encouraged to attend the Unveiling of the Monument, the Parade and Garden of Honor ceremonies.

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