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Air Force Veteran, Ron Newsom, to Serve at 2017 Grand Marshal *Program Set for Saturday, May 27th*

Committeeman Greg Burchette, Liaison to the Veterans Committee, announced the 2017 Grand Marshal at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting. Mr. Ron Newsom, Air Force Buck Sergeant E4 will lead Hillsborough's 2017 Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony on May 27th in the Garden of Honor.

Veteran Ron Newsom served in Vietnam as part of the 96th Combat Support Group. Upon returning to the States, he was stationed in Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. After leaving the Air Force, Newsom returned to his hometown of Memphis to attend the University of Memphis. He joined Kraft Foods and after a 30 year career in various management positions retired.

Veteran Newsom is a 25 year resident of Hillsborough where he lives with Rose, his wife of nearly 50 years. He is the father to DeLisa LaPolice, Matt Newsom and Shawna Guzy as well as 6 grandchildren. Veteran Newsom is also a Past Grand Knight with the Somerville Knights of Columbus, Past-President of the Hunterdon Barbershop Chorus, President of Hearthstone at Hillsborough Active over 55 Community and he is also a member of the Mary, Mother of God choir.

Veteran Newsom will lead the Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade that begins at the corner of Auten and Triangle Roads at 10:30 am. The parade route will proceed from Auten Road onto New Amwell Road then onto Beekman Lane, concluding at the Garden of Honor.

Veteran Newsom will also be the featured speaker during the Garden of Honor Ceremony that begins at 11:15am at the Municipal Complex.

"What more fitting way to honor our Veterans at the Salute to Veterans Breakfast, but to also have them lead our parade and then finally having our Grand Marshal address the crowd during the Garden of Honor Ceremonies," stated Committeeman Greg Burchette during the announcement at Tuesday's Township Committee Meeting.

All Hillsborough veterans are invited to participate in the 12th Annual Salute to Veterans

Breakfast and to lead Hillsborough's Memorial Day Parade and Commemoration program on May 27th. 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.

The Memorial Day commemorative program will kick off with the 'Salute to Veterans' Breakfast at the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building at 7:30 a.m., followed by the Memorial Day Parade which will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the intersection of Auten and Triangle Roads. The Salute to Veterans Breakfast will be held May 27th 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 28th.

"All Township veterans, spouses and widows are invited to provide their leadership and join us on May 27th in commemorating this important day," concluded Committeeman Burchette.

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

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