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Mayor Jonathan Hornik Announces Veterans Day Ceremony

Police Division Honor Guard Will Present Laying of the Wreath

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (November 4, 2019) - In observance of Veterans Day, Mayor Jonathan Hornik has directed the Police Division Honor Guard to provide the laying of the memorial wreath at the Marlboro Township Veterans Memorial. The ceremony will begin promptly at 11:00 am on Monday, November 11, 2019. The Veteran's Memorial is in front of the Municipal Complex located at 1979 Township Drive. The public is invited to attend.

Music will be provided by the Marlboro High School Band and Orchestra led by Conductor Patrick Dalton. Light refreshments, provided by the Veterans and Volunteers Committee, will follow the ceremony. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved inside the Town Hall.

Mayor Jonathan Hornik stated, "We were proud to be recognized this past June by the New Jersey State Veterans Chamber of Commerce as the first in the state to be a certified 'Veteran Friendly Municipality'. As a community, I believe that it is incumbent upon us to support our veterans, helping them economically and holistically. This ceremony gives the public an opportunity to express our appreciation for veterans' service and sacrifice." He continued, "I thank the Town Council for unanimously passing the Resolution that honored our commitment to veterans above and beyond the certification required. I especially want to acknowledge the leadership, support and guidance of Councilman Jeff Cantor, a Colonel, US Army (Ret) on this and all veteran concerns."

As we near Veteran's 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 located in the lobby of Town Hall. The Flag Disposal bin is in the Marlboro Town Hall lobby located at 1979 Township Drive and is accessible during normal business hours.

The bin was built and donated by Marlboro resident and US Navy Veteran, William Waple in May, 2014. Mr. Waple has since partnered with Marlboro Boy Scout Troop 86 who now collects the flags and arranges the ceremony to properly honor the flags that are damaged or no longer in service. Boy Scout Troop 86 may be reached at <u>info@BSATroop86.org</u>.

For more information on the Veterans Day Ceremony, the Flag Disposal Bin or how to be become a Veteran-Friendly Municipality, please contact Mayor Jon Hornik's office.