

The Travis 4th of July Celebration Committee

*Proudly Presents Their*

# 101<sup>st</sup> Parade



Welcome by Mike Heinz, Master of Ceremonies.

Introduction of Janice Blanchard, Committee Chairman

Introduction of Mary Lu Hayes & John Dalton, Committee Vice Chairmen

Introduction of Grand Marshal, **Colonel Paul H. Dietrich (Ret)**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Grand Marshal, **Col Paul H. Dietrich (Ret)**

“Star Spangled Banner”, Sung by Committee Member Frank Saladis

Invocation by Rev. John Wroblewski, St. Anthony’s of Padua

**Introduction of Dignitaries and Honored Guests:**

Mayor Michael Bloomberg

*Borough President James Molinaro / Sponsor*

Former Borough President Guy Molinari

Senator Andrew Lanza, 24<sup>th</sup> District

Senator Diane Savino, 23<sup>rd</sup> District

Congressman Michael Grimm, 13<sup>th</sup> District

*Councilman James Oddo, 50<sup>th</sup> District / Sponsor*

*Councilman Vincent Ignizio, 51<sup>st</sup> District / Sponsor*

Councilwoman Debi Rose, 49<sup>th</sup> District

*Assemblyman Michael Cusick, 63<sup>rd</sup> District / Sponsor*

Assemblyman Lou Tobacco, 62<sup>nd</sup> District

Assemblyman Matthew Titone, 61<sup>st</sup> District

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, 60<sup>th</sup> District

Honorable Dan Donovan, District Attorney

Honorable Eric N. Vitaliano, U.S. District Judge

Ed Burke, Deputy Borough President, Staten Island

Lee Covino, Borough President’s Cabinet

Gary Gotlin, Richmond County Public Administrator

Stephen Fiala, Richmond County Clerk

*AI Curtis Jr, CEO, Richmond County Savings Foundation / Sponsor*

*Katia Gordon representing Mark Irving, Con Edison / Sponsor*

Adena Long, Borough Commissioner, NYC Parks & Recreation

Laura Kump, Principal, Public School 26

Capt Adam Scher, United States Army

Mark Russo, President, Friends of Abandoned Cemeteries

Lynn Rogers, Executive Director, Friends of Abandoned Cemeteries

Marjorie Johnson, Local Historian

Jane Pecherski, Past Chairman, Travis 4th of July Parade Cmte  
Joe Chociemski Jr, Past Chairman, Travis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Cmte  
Bill Bush, Past Chairman, Travis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Cmte.

Arleen Brahn Past Chairman, Travis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Cmte.  
Alice Van Pelt, Active & Honorary Member, Travis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Cmte  
James Smith, Active & Honorary Member, Travis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Cmte.  
Stella Chociemski, Honorary Member, Travis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Cmte  
Myra Walter, Honorary Member, Travis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Cmte  
Sharon VanCleaf, Honorary Member Travis 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Cmte  
Benediction by Deacon Joe Rentkowski, St. Adalbert's

"God Bless America" Sung by Committee Member Frank Saladis

Balloon Launch - Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Borough President James Molinaro and Grand Marshal Colonel Paul H. Dietrich (Ret)

Special thanks to our friends who were kind enough to provide vehicles for the parade including *Sibby DeMartino, Dana Motors, Island Charter & Staten Island Region Antique Auto Club of America*

Special thanks to *J&J Towing* for being kind enough to provide flatbeds for the parade.

Special thanks to *Dave Clair and Doreen Traut* for designing the T-Shirt, Line of March and Journal covers.

T-shirts are on sale at Reviewing Stand (PS 26). All sizes \$10  
Located at 4108 Victory Blvd between Wild & Melvin Avenues  
Thank you for your support !!

Complimentary sno-kones and cotton candy are available in the schoolyard from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.



9<sup>TH</sup> STREET STOMPERS (STATIONARY AT P.S. 26)  
*Sponsored by Richmond County Savings Foundation*

**FIRST DIVISION - Line up at Reviewing Stand (PS 26)**

Marshals - Janice Blanchard, Mary Lu Hayes, John Dalton, Maria Dorman, Linda Duane, Maria Metzger, Barbara Nelson, Ann Marie Tellefsen, Irene Everett, Petra Valentin, Mariah Metzger, Alyssa DeSouza, Sheila Solomon, Joan Guerra, Frank Saladis, John Rossi  
Ruby Kakar

Military Order of the Purple Heart Honor Guard  
Commander Joseph DiGiovanni

***FUNNY FACTORY STILT WALKER***

***Sponsored by Councilman James Oddo***

***STATEN ISLAND PIPERS ASSOCIATION INC***

***Sponsored by Councilman Vincent Ignizio***

Grand Marshal - Colonel Paul H. Dietrich (Ret)

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Committee - Honorary Members & Past Chairman

***Vehicles courtesy of Staten Island Region AACA***

Public School 26 - The Carteret School  
Escorted by Laura Kump, Principal

***SOUTH SHORE BAND***

***Sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Cusick***

Dignitaries & Honored Guests





## FIRST DIVISION - Line up from Showplace Center

Marshals - Barbara Reno, Nick Blanchard, Joe Valentin, Mark Hayes,  
Joe Black, George Everett, Mike Tellefsen, Rick Caliri  
Wilma Cirillo, Scott Whalen, Willie Mendez, Emirita DeSouza, Joseph Goetz, Michael Goetz, Patty Mahoney, Sal Kakar, Shaz Kakar, Brian O'Sullivan

Oceanic Hook & Ladder Company # 1  
Chief John Grassodonio, Captain Rob Sawicki

Ladder Co. # 80 - 1946 Mack Pumper  
Patty Blanchard

### *NORWALK ALL CITY YOUTH BAND, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA*

*Director, Thomas Philips*

*Sponsored by Borough President James Molinaro*

### *Richmond County Amer Legion; County Commander Anthony DeNatale*

Gold Star Post #1365; Commander Bill Alcock

Kells Grennie Post #316; Commander Salvatore Davila

H & S Cichon Post

Five Star Post #1857; Commander Robert C. Acierno

*Vehicle courtesy of Staten Island Region AACA*

Granito Smith Post #1296; Commander Charles Navarino

Beauvais Hudson Post # 126

Watkins Kellett Post & Auxiliary #277; Vice Commander Gary Reider

*Bus courtesy of Island Charter*

### *RICHMOND COUNTY PIPES & DRUMS*

*Sponsored by Councilman James Oddo*

Richmond County VFW , County Commander - Thomas Harkins

Andersen Lagno VFW Post #5090; Commander Bob Mirra

Blazing Star Post # 1574; Commander Paul Dietrich

Vehicle courtesy of Staten Island Region AACA

North Shore Post # 7172; Commander Hank Insinna

Oakwood Heights Post # 9587; Commander Santo Scribani

Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association; Al Kongsli

Vehicle courtesy of Staten Island Region AACA

CPL Allan F. Kivlehan Chptr, Korean War Veterans, Commander Joe Calabria

*MELROSE BLACKHAWKS DRUM & BUGLE*

Sponsored by Councilman Vincent Ignizio

Halloran Memorial Chapter # 34, DAV; Joe DiGiovanni

Thomas J. Tori Vietnam Veterans #421; President Gene DiGiacomo

Marine Corps League S.I. Detachment #1; William Barrett

*RED HOOK RAMBLERS*

Sponsored by Richmond County Savings Foundation

Flatbed sponsored by J & J Towing

Anzio Beachhead Veterans of WW2; James Luzzi

Jewish War Veterans Post #80, Charlie Greinski

Voiture Local 595, 40 and 8

Locomotive courtesy of Patty Blanchard

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee Donation Wagon

Trailer courtesy of Whalen Home Improvement

Primary Care Ambulance

\*\*\* END OF FIRST DIVISION\*\*\*

## SECOND DIVISION

Marshals - Robert Renaud, Johnny Rey, Joe Cohen

### *BANDIT*

*Sponsored by Borough President James Molinaro*

*Flatbed sponsored by J & J Towing*

### Knights of Columbus

Governor Dongan Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Decree Color Guard

Henry Stolzenhaller Council # 1675 Color Corp, Ed Newborn, GK

Knights of Columbus Assmptn Council # 1694, William Venturini GK

### *WAGNER HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT SQUAD*

*Jacqueline Rivera, Director*

### *FUNNY FACTORY POGO GUYS*

*Sponsored by Richmond County Savings Foundation*

Leukemia & Lymphoma Cmte for Light the Night

Christine & Tom Wonica, Committee Captains

American Cancer Society for the Relay for Life & Breast Cancer Walk

Yvette Serrano & Jaymie Conte, Committee Captains

### *PARAMOUNT PLAYERS*

*Peter Lisi, Director*

The Crossroad Foundation; Joann Gilmartin, President

Time Warner Cable

Girl Scout Troop #5042, PS 60, Leader Christine Castellano

*FUNNY FACTORY CLOWN BAND*

*Sponsored by Councilman Vincent Ignizio*

Nansen Lodge #410 Sons of Norway, Brian Olsen

Staten Island Project Homefront

*MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TEAM*  
*Kimberly Kukal, Coach*

Lt. Vincent R. Capodanno Composite Squadron  
Vincenza Vella, 2d Lt Cap

Harbor Lights Theatre Group, Beth Gittleman

Staten Island Right to Life Float

*WING HONG YIPS DRAGON STYLE KUNG FU & TAI CHI CLUB*  
*Sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Cusick*

1926 Ford T Bucket - Philip Siciliano

1957 Chevy - Dicks Family

Antique Police Car, Salvatore Sottile

*TROPICAL BEAT STEEL BAND*  
*Sponsored by Richmond County Savings Foundation*  
*Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing*

American Red Cross, Denise Bloise

Staten Island Christian Church & Band Members  
*Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing*

Richmond County Ambulance

\*\*\*\*END OF SECOND DIVISION\*\*\*\*

## THIRD DIVISION

Marshals - Richard Cohen, Anthony DiStefano, Mike Connors,  
Richard Bier

### *FIRST PANAMANIAN DRUM & BUGLE*

*Sponsored by Councilman James Oddo*

Richmond County Loyal Order of the Moose # 135 Float

1940 Pirsch Antique Fire Truck; Andrew Leider  
Driven by Clement Marotte

Metro Fire Department; Ken Cavendish

### *RAGTIMERS*

*Sponsored by Richmond County Savings Foundation*

Barker Racing, 1939 Dodge Coupe  
"Seven in Heaven", Memorial to firefighters  
Lost on 9/11/01 from FDNY Ladder 101, Red Hook

Staten Island Power Squadron, Commander Don Heap

### *LOWRIDERS*

*Sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Cusick*  
*Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing*

Port Richmond Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  
John Tidona & Steve Clohessy, Directors

Volunteer Heart Ambulance

*DIVINE MISS M - DONNA MAXON*

*Sponsored by Borough President James Molinaro*  
*Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing*

S.I. Region Antique Auto Club America; Paul Arena, President

*TOMMY'S COSTUME CHARACTERS FLOAT*

*Sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Cusick*

FDNY Engine Co. # 154; Captain O'Sullivan

Volunteer Fire Companies

North Shore Rescue Squad

\*\*\*END OF THIRD DIVISION\*\*\*