

Memorial Day 2012

GENERAL LEONARD WOOD POST 162

Hillsdale, New Jersey

The American Legion, General Leonard E. Wood Post 162 is very proud to announce the 2012 Hillsdale Memorial Day Parade:



GRAND MARSHAL GABRIEL P. MARRA



Gabe Marra has been named Grand Marshal of the 2012 Hillsdale Memorial Day Parade by the General Leonard E. Wood American Legion Post 162 of Hillsdale, Old Tappan and Woodcliff Lake .

Gabe has served as Post 162's Finance Officer for 6 years. He is a 50 + year Legionnaire who was enrolled by his Dad, Patsy Marra, when he came home from serving in Korea. Gabe was drafted out of college to Fort Dix for basic training and then Band School as a Bandsman playing Trumpet. He was deployed to Korea into the 45th Infantry Division and served in the "Cra-Z-Combo" at M*A*S*H Hospitals entertaining the troops. They played accompaniment for many famous entertainers who visited with the USO. They also went close to the front lines where the USO was not

allowed. Gabe ran in to two of his cousins who were also serving in Korea. His two Marine brothers and his Infantry Dad served in WWII, a committed and very dedicated military family . After returning to civilian life, Gabe returned to college earning a Masters in Music becoming a freelance teacher and joining his Dad in Mar-

ras' Hair Design in Hillsdale. He has been President of the Hillsdale and The Greater Pascack Valley Chambers of Commerce and received their award as "Man-of-The-Year". Gabe is married to Sondra, they have a son Gabriel and Daughter Laura. Gabe is now retired. Post 162 is grateful for your military and civilian service,

THANK YOU!

Marra, said he was deeply honored, proud and very pleased for the recognition.

He is looking forward to the Memorial Day Parade Ceremonies, and is out distributing Poppy's between now and then.

REMEMBER OUR SERVICEMEN/WOMEN WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

THEME: "Honoring The Revolutionary War Heroes Who Fought & Died On The Battlefields Of New Jersey, The Crossroads Of The Revolution"

Memorial Day ESSAY Contest Winners

Grade 6

George G. White School.....

- FIRST PLACE **NICK BEJA**
- Honorable Mention **JERRY COTUGNO**
- Honorable Mention **ELISABETH RALPH**

St. John's Academy.....

- FIRST PLACE **CHRISTOPHER IMPERIALE**
- Honorable Mention **CERINA DUNKEL**
- Honorable Mention **CLAIRE MISHA**

Grade 7

George G. White School.....

- FIRST PLACE **KAITLYN TOLEDO**
- Honorable Mention **MATT NOVAKOWSKI**
- Honorable Mention **CASSIDY RODENBERG**

St. John's Academy.....

- FIRST PLACE **NIKKI RAYMOND**
- Honorable Mention **NATALIE TANSKY**
- Honorable Mention **JULIA SCHEURING**

Grade 8

George G. White School.....

- FIRST PLACE **IRENE JU**
- Honorable Mention **VICTORIA OLIVEIRA**
- Honorable Mention **JENNA WESTLEY**

St. John's Academy.....

- FIRST PLACE **DYLAN SONZOGNI**
- Honorable Mention **GRIFFIN DAY**
- Honorable Mention **WAYNE O'NEILL**

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Memorial Day POSTER Contest Winners

Grade 4

Ann Blanche Smith School

- FIRST PLACE** ALICE BRUTER
- Honorable Mention** THOMAS LICCARDO
- Honorable Mention** CHRISTOPHER McGRATH

Meadowbrook School

- FIRST PLACE** HALLIE STEINER
- Honorable Mention** BRANDON CORDIANO
- Honorable Mention** AMANDA SOLDA

St. John's Academy

- FIRST PLACE** TIERNEY PIERCY
- Honorable Mention** COLLEEN FARRELL
- Honorable Mention** ERIC KAFARSKI

Grade 5

George G. White School

- FIRST PLACE** (REGRETABLY
- Honorable Mention** NONE
- Honorable Mention** SUBMITTED)

St. John's Academy

- FIRST PLACE** RICK DONEGAN - **Best Overall**
- Honorable Mention** AUBREY JACKSON
- Honorable Mention** JULIANNE ROBERT

Deputy GRAND MARSHAL JOHN P. SADLON



A HUGE THANK YOU to the citizens of Hillsdale, Old Tappan & Woodcliff Lake and surrounding communities for their generous donations to our annual "Poppy Drive". Post 162 Legionnaires handed out over 15,000 Poppies and received better than \$1.00 average per Poppy! This means that we can increase our 'Veterans' Programs this year. Last year we ran Bingo for about 50 players at the Paramus Veterans Home about every month and gave prizes of a couple hundred dollars per evening and provided refreshments . We could double that now! We also have packed and shipped many packages , several times a year, to local service members. We also pay the postage for packages that various scout and school children prepare. All donations received go toward our veteran programs and their families. Here are some of our locations: Shop Rite, Kings, and Shops on Broadway in Hillsdale; A & P's in Woodcliff Lake & Old Tappan; and the Garden State Parkway Rest Stop. George De Rosa and Doug Frank, Poppy Co-chairs extend the gracious thanks of General Leonard Wood Post 162 to those who donated and the many Legionnaires who manned the spots. THANKS FOR YOUR DONATION!

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & OBSERVANCE: Monday May 28th 2012 ~ Marching Units Arrive **SOON AFTER** 10:00 AM
Starting: at the Corner of Magnolia Ave & Liberty St. ~ **Step-Off:** 10:30 AM. ~ **(in case of RAIN:** Ceremonies in White School)
 ~ **Route:** North on Magnolia Ave, West on Knickerbocker Ave, South on Broadway to Hillsdale Ave, Into the Park ~

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