

Veterans & WWII Army Nurse Help Make Memorial Day Commemoration A Day of Remembrance

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The Salute to Veterans Breakfast, a tribute to those who served the United States, once again kicked-off the Township's Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremonies on May 24th.

Hundreds of Hillsborough military veterans, Reserves, National Guard, active duty personnel, spouses and widows of veterans attended the breakfast, where Korean War Veterans had special recognition in honor of the 55th anniversary of its end.

"We always look forward to the Veteran's Pre-parade breakfast. It's a great way to start out the day and helps keep the focus on the true meaning of Memorial Day – a day of remembering those who have fallen, so that we may remain free," stated Mayor Anthony Ferrera.

Mildred Murphy, a World War II Army Hospital Nurse, led the parade as this year's Grand Marshal and left residents speechless with her moving remarks at the Garden of Honor Ceremonies.

"It was such an honor to have Ms. Murphy serve as Grand Marshal; her stories of wounded soldiers and nursing experiences offered a detailed account of wartime and the sacrifices that these soldiers make fighting for our country," stated Mayor Ferrera.

"The whole Memorial Day Ceremony is a moving experience; it is a true day of remembrance for those who paid the ultimate price to preserve our freedom. The sight of so many veterans participating in the parade alongside various community organizations brings a true sense of pride and patriotism like no other," stated Committeeman Bob Wagner, liaison to the Recreation Commission.