TRAVIS

2017
4TH OF JULY PARADE

The Travis 4th of July Celebration Committee
Proudly Presents Our 107th Annual Parade

Welcome by Frank Saladis, Master of Ceremonies

The Parade is Dedicated in memory of Janice Blanchard
by Sharon VanCleaf

"America the Beautiful", Performed by Lauren Hagen

Introduction of Mary Lu Hayes & John Dalton, Co-Chairmen

Introduction of Grand Marshal
New York State Assemblyman, Michael Cusick

Pledge of Allegiance led by Grand Marshal, **Michael Cusick**

"Star Spangled Banner", Performed by Recording Artist & Fellow Staten Islander, Arlette!

Invocation / Benediction by Father John Wroblewski and Deacon Joseph Rentkowski, St. Anthony's of Padua/Our Lady of Pity

Introduction of Dignitaries and Honored Guests:
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
Mayor William DeBlasio
Borough President James Oddo / Sponsor
Senator Andrew Lanza, 24th District
Senator Diane Savino, 23rd District
Congressman Daniel Donovan, 13th District
Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, 60th District
Assemblyman Matthew Titone, 61st District
Councilwoman Debi Rose, 49th District
Councilman Steve Matteo, 50th District / Sponsor
Councilman Joseph Borelli District 51st District
Comptroller Scott Stringer
District Attorney Michael McMahon
Honorable Eric N. Vitaliano, U.S. District Judge
Ed Burke, Deputy Borough President, Staten Island
Major Adam Scher, US Army

Richmond County Savings Foundation / Sponsor
Katia Gordon, Con Edison / Sponsor
Daniel Cassella, Amalgamated Transit Union / Sponsor
Lynda Ricciardone, Borough Commissioner, NYC Parks & Recreation
Laura Kump, Principal, Public School 26
Curtis Sliwa, President, Guardian Angels
Lynn Rogers, Executive Director Friends of Abandoned Cemeteries
Alfred Cerullo III,President Grand Central Partnership
Chief Edward Delatorre, NYC Police Department
Anthony Catalano, Public Administrator
Tom Feeney, Richmond County Representative for Governor Cuomo
William Bush, Honorary Member
Wilma Cirillo, Honorary Member
Joseph Chociemski Jr. Honorary Member
Frank Peters, Honorary Member
Sharon VanCleaf, Honorary Member
Myra Walter, Honorary Member

Benediction / Invocation by Father John Wroblewski and Deacon Joseph Rentkowski, St. Anthony's of Padua/Our Lady of Pity

" God Bless America" performed by Arlette

Ribbon Cutting - Grand Marshal Michael Cusick, Mayor William *DeBlasio,* Borough President James Oddo

Special thanks to NYPD Patrol Borough of Staten Island, NYPD Auxiliary Patrol, NYPD Community Affairs, FDNY, Dana Motors, Volunteer Heart Ambulance, Primary Care Ambulance and Richmond County Ambulance for their continued support.

Special thanks to the American Legion Gold Star Post for providing us with a wonderful meeting place.

Special thanks to Showplace Entertainment Center for allowing us to use their facilities for staging.

Special thanks to J&J Towing for always providing the parade with flatbeds.

Special thanks to Staten Island CTV for filming the parade.

Special thanks to Peter Lisi & The Staten Island Paramount Theater Players.

Visit our reviewing stand for parade souvenirs.

T-Shirt & Journal Cover designed by Maureen Skelton & John Dalton.

FIRST DIVISION – Lining up at Reviewing Stand (PS 26)

Marshals - Mary Lu Hayes, John Dalton, Joseph Goetz, Joan Guerra, Lee Spratt, Linda Duane, Maria Metzger, Frank Saladis, John Rossi, Petra Valentin, Irene Everett, Maria Dorman, Elizabeth Marro, Taylor Johnson, Hailey Schnell, Kayli Blanchard, Ciara Marro

Color Guard - Gold Star Post #1365 - Mark Kelly, Commander

NYPD POLICE CEREMONIAL BAND - Director Lt. Tony Giorgio

Grand Marshal - Michael Cusick

Dignitaries & Honored Guests
Vehicles courtesy of Dana Motors

STATEN ISLAND PIPERS ASSOCIATION INC
Sponsored by Borough President James Oddo

Funny Factory Comedy Clowns
Sponsored by Richmond County Savings Foundation

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

FIRST DIVISION – Lining up from Showplace Ent. Center

Marshals - Anthony DiStefano, Mark Hayes, Joe Valentin, Nick Blanchard, Joe Black, Emrita DeSouza, Allysa DeSouza, Amanda DeSouza, Derek Platt

FRED LEHOTAY & THE RAGTIMERS
Sponsored by Councilman Steven Matteo

Oceanic Hook & Ladder Company # 1
Rob Sawicki, President
Rob Ferdinando, Captain
Rob Coghlan, Assistant Chief

RICHMOND COUNTY PIPES & DRUMS
Sponsored by Con Edison

Richmond County VFW, County Commander - Albert Porto
Andersen Lagno VFW Post #5090 - Commander Bob Mirra

Blazing Star Post VFW Post #1574 - Commander Albert Porto

North Shore Post #7172 - Commander Robert Dougherty

SSG Michael Ollis VFW # 9587 - Commander John Hojnacki

Marine Corps League S.I. Detachment #1

Korean War Veterans, CPL. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter

Vietnam Veterans Association Thomas J. Tori Chapter #421-
Gene DiGiacomo, President

METROPOLITAN FESTIVAL BAND
Sponsored by Borough President James Oddo

Richmond County American Legion -
County Commander William Magnuski

Gold Star Post #1365 - Commander Mark Kelly

Watkins Kellett Post # 277 - Commander Al Klingele

Watkins Kellet Auxilary #277 - Ms. Marian Ferri

Wounded Warriors
Walter Osborn

Knights of Columbus - Governor Thomas Dongan 4th Assembly
SK Charles (Chip) Mclean – Faithful Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Stolzenthaler Council # 1675
Matthew Kucinski – Grand Knight

RED STORM DRUM AND DANCE TROUPE
Sponsored by Councilman Steve Matteo
Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing

Travis Parade – Donation Wagon Banner

4th of July Parade Committee - Donation Collectors

FUNNY FACTORY NITRO COMEDY STUNT CAR

Volunteer Heart Ambulance & Volunteer Heart Command Center

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

SECOND DIVISION

Marshals –Willie Mendez, Frank Pizzella, Peter Rotundo, Rich Platt, Kelly Platt, Johnny Rey

Immanuel Lutheran Church honoring George Everett
Melissa Merso, Youth Ministry Chair

9th STREET STOMPERS
Sponsored by Councilman Steve Matteo

The Crossroad Foundation - Joanne Gilmartin, President

The Staten Island Pride Center - Marcy Carr

Children's Cord Blood Bank - Roberta Hayes, Executive Director

MELROSE BLACKHAWKS SENIOR DRUM & BUGLE
Sponsored by Borough President James Oddo

Evolution Dance Company

Cub Scout Pack #2 Westerleigh - Jeanie Denaro

Funny Factory Next Day Fire Company
Sponsored by Richmond County Savings Foundation

Civil Air Patrol Lt. Vincent R. Capodanno Composite Squadron
Captain Frank Leone

BANDIT
Sponsored by Richmond County Savings Foundation
Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing

Miss Manhattan 2017 - Rose Bolella
Miss Manhattan's Outstanding Teen 2017 - Angela Simoniello
Miss Manhattan's Court - Vincenza Lucia Paturzo

Former Miss New York Dawn Mocchia

TROPICAL BEAT STEEL BAND
Sponsored by Borough President James Oddo
Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing

Mid Island Little League - John Pleszewicz, President

Staten Island Soap Box Derby - Jason Demauro

WHOLLY BRASS BAND
Sponsored by Councilman Steve Matteo

Bald Eagle Puppet – P.S.60 Students – Janet Lombardi

FONG'S HUNG GA KUNG FU ASSOCIATION LION DANCE TEAM

NYS Nurses Association - Joanna Salmonsuh

Lauren Hagen – Singer
Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing

John Esposito and Big Blue

Staten Island Advance Truck

Staten Island Christian Church Band - Minister Ysrael Dela Cruz
Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing

Richmond County Corvette Club (RCCC) – Group 1
Jack Pally, President

Primary Care Ambulance Unit

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

THIRD DIVISION

Marshals – Rich Cohen, Dan Dolce, Joe Dolce, Karl Sheehy

Miss Staten Island, Allison DeLuca

Miss Richmond County, Ashley Davis

FUNNY FACTORY CLOWN BAND
Sponsored by C.B. Contracting Corp.

National Park Service – Daphne Yun, Public Affairs Officer

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

Acoustic Surge
Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing

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

Peter Lisi Staten Island Paramount Theater Players

Richmond County Corvette Club (RCCC) - Group 2
Jack Pally, President

FIRST PANAMANIAN DRUM & BUGLE
Sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Cusick

Patriotic Truck decorated by Elite Vault

Richmond County Kiwanis Club Float
Keith Cummings, President
John Sollazzo, President FDNY Retirees Association

Patriotic Pick-up Truck – Richard Luthmann & Scott LoBaido

Richmond County Ambulance

Metro Fire Engine 343

FDNY Engine Co. # 154 - Captain Sean O'Sullivan

Volunteer Fire Companies

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

DEDICATED TO

Janice Blanchard

2017

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