



### A Special Message

If your name or recognition of your business was missed due to an oversight or printing deadline please know that you have our heart-felt appreciation.

Without your support we would not be able to do what we do. We hope you had an opportunity to participate in the parade and we are extremely proud and thankful to have you with us today.

If you know of a family member or acquaintance that is interested in joining our group, please reach out and give them our phone number or look us up on our Facebook page.

VFW Post 402  
412 Mulberry Street  
Coraopolis, PA 15108

<http://vfw402.org/>

## **KEITH-HOLMES VFW AND AMERICAN LEGION HONOR PARADE**



**“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave”**

Calvin Coolidge

**September 11, 2021  
CORAOPOLIS, PA**

**PARADE STARTS AT 11:00 AM**  
**Music and Food Trucks after on Mill Street**



**SPONSORED BY:  
KEITH-HOLMES VFW POST 402  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 924  
&  
IT'S AUXILIARIES**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 402,  
American Legion Post 924 and Post 402  
Auxiliary along with the Coraopolis  
community, friends and businesses are  
proud to present this parade to honor our

***MILITARY, POLICE, FIREMEN, EMT,  
AND ALL MEN AND WOMEN WHO  
ANSWERED THE CALL AND SERVED US  
ALL after September 11, 2001***



As this war ends, let us reflect on those that paid the ultimate sacrifice. Those of all our citizens at the onset of September 11, 2001 right up to the brave 13 souls lost at our exit. May they all rest in peace and thank you for allowing us to honor all the heroes today.

**“This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no “brief candle” for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”**

George Bernard Shaw



### **Parade Donations**

Graff's Service Station      Jedi Consulting  
All Ways Safe Flagging      Coraopolis Fire Department  
Al Quaye    Jim Kest    Gary Farole  
Student Transportation of America

### **Parade Committee**

Al Quaye                              Co-Chairman  
Jack Cairns                          Co-Chairman  
Mike Blair                            Commander VFW  
Jim Kest and Kathy Cairns

### **Parade Sponsors**

Mayor Shawn Reed  
Coraopolis Chief of Police Ron Denbow  
Coraopolis Borough Manger Ray McCutcheon  
Moon Township Supervisors  
  
Moon Township Chief of Police Gregory Seamon  
Cara Mason Director of Economic Development  
John Scott-Moon Township Fire Dept. & Dept.of Public Works

### **Special Thanks to**

Reverend Tom Petrovsky  
Carmella Mullen  
Sean Parnell  
Representative Anita Kulik  
Representative Valarie Gaydos

**Announcer – Rick Wirth**

### **Photographers**

Tom Salvie                              Tobias Newman

## **2021 GRAND MARSHALL**

### **Sean Parnell**

We are honored to have as our Grand Marshall, our own Pittsburgh native and decorated Afghan Veteran, Captain Sean Parnell.

Sean was studying elementary education at Clarion university when the twin towers were struck on 9/11 and immediately transferred to Duquesne University to join their ROTC Program. Upon completion Sean was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army and continued on to Airborne and Ranger School before joining the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. Sean then spent 485 days of fierce fighting along the Afghan-Pakistan border in 2006-07 where this unique group (“Outlaws”) battled furiously in the most rugged terrain on the planet. Captain Parnell platoon remains one of the most decorated Army units since 9-11. (85% of his platoon including himself received purple hearts relating to wounds received in battle.) Sean’s wounds following his 2006 deployment forced him from the Army and earned him the Captain rank and he was also awarded two Bronze stars, one for Valor and the Purple Heart.

Since his discharge he returned home to Western Pennsylvania where he returned to Duquesne University to earn a master degree in psychology. Sean has penned the NY Times best selling book “Outlaw Platoon.” He has become a subject matter expert on Afghanistan, the insurgency we face there, leadership, and how to use it to inspire and motivate men and women to achieve common objectives.

## **PARADE ORDER OF APPEARANCE**

Coraopolis Chief of Police - Ron Denbow

Coraopolis Mayor – Shawn Reed

Local Police Departments

The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club

Hookstown and West Hills American Legion Riders

Lawrenceville Freedom Riders

Flag Foundation (Romel Nicholas & James Mullen)

### **Grand Marshall Car**

**Afghanistan Veterans and Purple Heart recipients**

**Sean Parnell & Chris Smith**

Commander of VFW Post 402 – Mike Blair

VFW State Commander Nathaniel Smith

VFW District 29 Commander Jessica King

Officer of the Day Scott Lambert

US Marine Veterans Rifle Squad

Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 402 & Their Auxiliary

American Legion West Hills Post 924

Truck carrying our more senior Veterans

Ohio Valley Community Band Drew Podnar, Director

Gold Star Families

Legacies Alive

Blue Star Mothers

USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey

Cornell Band

Coraopolis Fire Department - Larry Byrge Fire Chief

US Sub Veterans Requin Base

Moon Area Cheerleaders

Moon Area High School Band

Moon Fire Department – John Scott Fire Chief

Island X-3 Pittsburgh Seabees

Vietnam Veteran Incorporated

US Navy Talent Recruiters

Neville Island Fire Department – Sam Thomas Fire Chief

Civil Air Patrol

Local Scout Troops

Cornell Youth Athletics

Iraq War Veteran and State Senator Devlin Robinson

Italian American Veterans of the United States

US Service Members

including 911<sup>th</sup> Air Wing & 124 Refueling Wing

American Heritage Girls

Steel City Ambassadors

Crescent TWP Fire Department – Glen Kriger Fire Chief

Shriners Hospital Van

All Ways Safe Flagger Van

Quaker Valley High School Band

Model T's Carrying:

Representative Anita Kulik, Representative Valarie Gaydos, County Councilman at Large Sam DeMarco (USMC)

Valley Ambulance

Fire Truck to protect End of Parade

**Enjoy the Food Trucks, the Music, Stay Safe, and Thank You  
for being Part of our Tribute**

