

**The Travis 4th of July Celebration Committee  
Proudly Presents Our 108th Annual Parade**

Welcome by Frank Saladis, Master of Ceremonies

“America the Beautiful”, Performed by Lauren Hagen

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

Introduction of Grand Marshal  
**Vietnam Vet, Travis Civic Assoc. President, Gene Guerra**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Grand Marshal, **Gene Guerra**

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

Invocation by Deacon Joseph Rentkowski, St. Anthony of  
Padua/Our Lady of Pity

**Introduction of Dignitaries and Honored Guests:**

Mayor William DeBlasio

***Borough President James Oddo / Sponsor***

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

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

Congressman Daniel Donovan, 13<sup>th</sup> District

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

Assemblyman Ron Castorina, Jr. 62<sup>nd</sup> District

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

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

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

***Councilman Steve Matteo, 50<sup>th</sup> District / Sponsor***

Councilman Joseph Borelli 51<sup>st</sup> 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***

**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

Alfred Cerullo III, President Grand Central Partnership

Chief Kenneth Corey, NYC Police Department

Anthony Catalano, Public Administrator

Honorable Peter DeLizzo, Family Court Judge

William Bush, Honorary Member

Joseph Chociemski Jr., Honorary Member

Sharon VanCleaf, Honorary Member

Myra Walter, Honorary Member

Barbara Nelson, Honorary Member

Benediction by Deacon Joseph Rentkowski, St. Anthony of Padua/Our Lady of Pity

“God Bless America” performed by Arlette!

Ribbon Cutting - Grand Marshal Gene Guerra, Mayor William DeBlasio, Borough President James Oddo



**Special thanks to NYPD Patrol Borough of Staten Island**

**Special thanks to NYPD Auxiliary Patrol**

**Special thanks to NYPD Community Affairs and NCO Officers**

**Special thanks to Primary Care Ambulance**

**Special thanks to Richmond County Ambulance**

**Special thanks to FDNY**

**Special thanks to NYC Department of Sanitation**

**Special thanks Volunteer Heart Ambulance**

**Special thanks to the American Legion Gold Star Post for providing us with a wonderful meeting place and for providing our Honor Guard.**

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

**Special thanks to Dana Motors for providing cars**

**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.**

**Special Thanks to Ricky Strype & High Hopes for Lopes Foundation**

**Special thanks to Ferranola Electric, Eric Stender, Jimmy Callahan, Steve Ferranola, Eric Hopkins, Nick Blanchard and Joe Black for hanging our flags**

**Special thanks to Eric Hopkins for organizing a fundraiser**

**Special thanks to Willie Mendez for knitting the Patriotic blanket.**

**Visit our reviewing stand for parade souvenirs.**

**T-Shirt & Journal Cover designed by 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, Hailey Schnell, Ciara Marro, Fran Grisafi, Janet Mohlenhoff, Gail Johnson, Pam Battaglia, Stacey D'Alessandro Ashley Rose Wilkes-Cody, Vikkie O'Neil, Jesse O'Neil, Jennifer Bruffo, Cathy Hoey

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

***NYPD POLICE CEREMONIAL BAND - Director Lt. Tony Giorgio***

**Grand Marshal – Gene Guerra**

Dignitaries & Honored Guests  
***Vehicles courtesy of Dana Motors***

*1970 Cadillac Deville – Anthony Romano*

***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, Emirita DeSouza, Allysa DeSouza, Amanda DeSouza, Derek Platt, Keith Mohlenhoff, Karl Sheehy, Michael Goetz

***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 Robert 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

SIKK Car Club – 4 Cars

***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 Kellett Auxiliary #277 - Ms. Morian Ferri

***LAUREN HAGEN – SINGER***  
***Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing***

***Knights of Columbus - Governor Thomas Dongan 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly***  
Color corps 697 Assembly – John O'Connor

***Knights of Columbus – St. Anthony of Padua Council 16134***  
Richie Pahopin – Grand Knight

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

***Travis Parade – Donation Wagon Banner***

***4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee - Donation Collectors***

***FUNNY FACTORY NITRO COMEDY CLOWN CAR***

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

Volunteer Heart Ambulance & Volunteer Heart Command Center

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

## **SECOND DIVISION**

**Marshals** –Willie Mendez, Rich Platt, Kelly Platt, Matthew Cody,  
Andy Wilkes, Tim O'Neil, Austin Lee

**9<sup>th</sup> STREET STOMPERS**  
**Sponsored by Councilman Steve Matteo**  
**Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing**

The Crossroad Foundation - Joanne Gilmartin, President

The Richard H. Hungerford School and The New Dorp  
Hungerford Choir – Shannon Mahoney

The Staten Island Pride Center - Marcy Carr

**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 Staten Island 2018 - Nicole Doz  
Miss Richmond County 2018 – Madison L'Insalata  
Miss Staten Island Outstanding Teen 2018 – Juliana Meyer  
Miss Richmond County Outstanding Teen 2018 –  
Tatiana Santos Mroczek

**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 - Pat Lockhart - Ps57

**Flatbed courtesy of J & J Towing**

1940's Pickup truck – Dell Smith

***WHOLLY BRASS BAND***

**Sponsored by Councilman Steve Matteo**

Richmond County Corvette Club (RCCC) – Group 1 – 3 Cars

Jack Pally, President

***FONG'S HUNG GA KUNG FU ASSOC. LION DANCE TEAM***

NYS Nurses Association – Director Furelli

***MARIACHI TAPATIO / NYC MARIACHI BAND***

**Sponsored by Vanbro Corp.**

Staten Island Corvette Club – Group 2 – 3 Cars

MB 1943 Jeep

Primary Care Ambulance Unit

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

### **THIRD DIVISION**

**Marshals** – Rich Cohen, Stanley Tatar, Matthew Mikdajczyk,  
Marissa Tatar, Peter Lisi

Water Truck, Anthony Spratt and Ernest Peiris

***FUNNY FACTORY CLOWN BAND***



**Sponsored by C.B. Contracting Corp.**

National Park Service – Daphne Yun – Public Affairs Officer

Spokes for Hope – Shawn Ortolano

***STATEN ISLAND PARAMOUNT THEATER PRESENTS  
PARAMOUNT PLAYERS***

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

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

9/11 Memorial Van – Tommy Hart

Richmond Aluminum Truck

***FIRST PANAMANIAN MARCHING BAND OF BROOKLYN NEW  
YORK CORP***

**Sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Cusick**

Blue pickup in memory of John A. Nappi, Sr. & Rolling Thunder

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

Patriotic Pick-up Truck – Scott LoBaido

Richmond County Ambulance

Richmond Engine 1 – Chief Steve White

Metro Fire Engine 343

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

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