

MEMORIAL & VETERANS DAY ASSOCIATION OF MORRISTOWN AND MORRIS TOWNSHIP

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 Morristown Armory

TOM ESCHMANN
 Township Dept. of Public Works

Ceremonial Officers



J. Robert Tracey
 1974 - 2012



Arthur Grant
 2012 - 2016

Memorial and Veterans Day Association of Morristown and Morris Township *Presents*

VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2025



This program of services is dedicated to the memory of
J. Robert Tracey & Arthur Grant
 Ceremonial Officers

Morris Township Municipal Building
 Woodland Avenue

10:00 A.M.

The Green in Morristown

11:00 A.M.

*Services at War Monuments listed below
took place starting at 7:45 A.M.*

LTC (USA-Ret) Stanley A. Kasiski, Commander

J. Robert Tracey Veterans Memorial Park
South St. and Madison Ave

Holy Rood Cemetery
Arthur Grant, J. Robert Tracey
Ceremonial Officers

Brian J. McNally Field
19 Weathervane Drive

WWI / Cenotaph Monument
South St. at the Vail Mansion

Civil War Monument
South Park Place on the Green

National Guard Armory Plaque
Western Avenue

Bobby Moore Plaque
Budd Street

Petrone Monument
39 Early Street

10:00 AM

Morris Township's Veteran's Monument / Patric Hyland Memorial
50 Woodland Avenue at the Township Municipal Building

Introductions.....Ceremonial Officer

Hometown Heroes Program

Placing of Wreaths.....Tony Romano

Music provided by "Bugles Across America" Larry Schillings

Program ON THE GREEN 11:00 A.M.

National Anthem

Invocation.....*Deacon Ken Rado*

Opening Comments.....*James Cavanaugh
Ceremonial Officer*

Mayoral Introductions and Comments.....*Morristown, Timothy Dougherty
Mo-Town Heroes Program*

Morris Township, Donna Guariglia

Main Address.....*Neil Van Ess*

**Presentation To:
2025 Guest Speaker**

Firing Squad..... *Bill Allen and James Auriemma*

Taps *Garrett Gregor*

Benediction *Deacon Ken Rado*

**In the event of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held indoors at the
Morris Township Municipal Building on Woodland Avenue at 11:00 A.M.**

****Refreshments will be provided at the Mt. Kemble Fire Station (216 Mt. Kemble Ave. Morristown, NJ)**

GUEST SPEAKER



NEIL VAN ESS

**VIETNAM VETERAN, MILITARY ORDER OF
THE PURPLE HEART**

Patriot Neil Van Ess of Totowa, New Jersey, served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970, and was assigned to Company C, 3/506th, 101st Airborne Division. In 1968 he was deployed to Vietnam with the 101st and during a combat operation was wounded in August 1968, for which he received the Purple Heart Medal.

Following his military service, Patriot Van Ess returned to college, receiving a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice in 1985 from the William Paterson College. He then went on to pursue a Master degree from the school of Law and Administration from Seton Hall University in 1989. Beginning in 1982, Patriot Van Ess entered into law enforcement with the Totowa Police Department. He quickly advanced through the ranks in the Department and after serving as Detective Bureau Commander, in 2010 was promoted to the position of Captain Patrol Commander, capping a distinguished 30-year career.

Throughout his career, Neil has selflessly devoted himself to service to the community. He was elected to the Totowa Board of Education from 1986 to 2005, serving 6 terms and served as President of the Board for 12 years. In 1991, he was named Police Officer of the Year by the DARE Officer Association, and in 1992 received a Senatorial appointment on the Governor's Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, where he has served as its Acting Chairman for the past 6 years.

In August, 2017, Patriot Van Ess was elected as National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart at the 85th National Convention in Dallas, Texas. A life member of Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 366 since 1989, he has served in numerous leadership positions at the Chapter, Department, and National levels. He has been Director of NJ Paramus Veterans Home Advisory Board for over 25 years.