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Mayor's Message

By Mayor H. Scott Rosenbush

It seems that this year's Veteran's Day holiday drew more public attention than usual. The usual complement of veterans was joined this year by a larger than normal turnout by the public at the joint ceremonies held in Morris Township and Morristown. Our indebtedness to those who have already served is unmistakable – and obviously not forgotten.

As we enter this year's Holiday season, let's be sure to take time to give thanks for the men and women who continue to serve our country in the armed forces and consider including them in your giving plans.

There are many opportunities to do this. This year I learned that the Mt. Fern United Methodist Church is collecting and shipping items of necessity and nonperishable food to our servicemen and women around the world. To participate, you can contact Cary Hoffman, 81 Reservoir Ave., Randolph, NJ 07869, cwhoffman@tellurian.com or (973) 366-3969. Other houses of worship may have similar gift-giving operations underway.

Also since being away from family and friends is so difficult during the holiday season, you can team with VFW's Operation Uplink to provide the gift of communication. Prepaid international phone cards from you will help our troops to know that they are remembered and appreciated!

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year!

Morris Township Dedicates 9/11 Memorial

By Deputy Mayor Robert E. Nace



Morris Township dedicates memorial in memory of residents who perished in the World Trade Center on 9/11. Picture courtesy of Harvey Klein.

On September 11, 2004, several hundred residents joined the Township Committee and key-note speaker, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, in a dedication ceremony honoring six Township residents whose lives were lost in the attacks on the World Trade Center three years ago.

Deputy Mayor Bob Nace told those attending that the Township wanted the memorial to provide a place of reflection for all of those affected by the events of 9/11.

The names of the six Morris Township victims – Sean P. Lynch, Alfred R. Maler, William A. Matheson, Alexander J. Napier,

Barbara Shaw, and Edward W. Straub – are inscribed on a base of rose colored granite topped by a sundial. Twin marble benches flank the memorial with inscriptions selected by the families of the victims.

A special note of appreciation for their participation in the ceremony goes to the John Jay Sheerin Assembly Color Guard of the Knights of Columbus and to the honor guard consisting of members of Morris Township Police and Fire Departments, along with members of the Morris Minute Men and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

The ceremony marks the completion of the second phase of the Township's 9/11 Memorial Gazebo project. The final phase of the project will be the creation of a Memorial Walkway honoring our emergency services workers. The walkway will be installed from the gazebo, along Loantaka Brook, to a bridge across the brook connecting it to the parking lot. The next and final phase of the project is expected to begin next year.

Honor guard members participate in the second phase of the Township's Memorial Gazebo project. Pictured from left to right: Firefighter Albert Garcia, Morris Minute Men EMT Linda Omaggio, Patrol Officer Marc Costa, Patrol Officer David Powell, Patty Simms OEM, Firefighter Jesse Kaar, Captain Scott Lovenberg, Sergeant Stan Witczak. Picture courtesy of Harvey Klein.

The memorial inscription reads:

TO COMMEMORATE
MORRIS TOWNSHIP CITIZENS
LOST IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER
ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

