



**BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 at 9:30 A.M**



Welcome by *Honorable Mayor John A. Peterson Jr.*

Post the Colors by *Boy Scout Troop 175*

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Invocation by *Father Michael Lorentsen*

Recitation- "Flanders Field"

Words of Significance

Moment of Silence for Deceased Veterans

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Introduction of Speaker-*U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Scott E. Rutter*

Acknowledgment of Organizations

Rifle Salute

Taps - Riley Sternik

Mention of Appreciation

Benediction by *Pastor Al Spangler*

Retire the Colors

"God Bless America"





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"Star-Spangled Banner"

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



"In Flanders Field" by Boy Scout Troop 175

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.





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Moment of Silence for Deceased Veterans

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave, Who bids the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we raise our plea for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain O'er which our traffic runs a main by mountain pass or valley low; where ever Lord, your loved ones go, Protect them by your guarding hand from ev'ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament; O wind of heaven, by your might Save all who dare the eagle's flight, and keep them by your watchful care from ev'ry peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, your children shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where so e'er they go; and then shall rise with voices free glad praises from air and land and sea.





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Introduction of Speaker

U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Scott E. Rutter

Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Infantry Retired, South Philadelphia Native Chief Executive Officer, Valor Network Inc- Seaside Park, NJ Board Member and Treasurer of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

It was U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Scott E. Rutter's unit which assaulted the Iraqi Special Republican Guard and secured the Baghdad International Airport in Operation Iraqi Freedom. For this daring maneuver, his unit was broadly recognized and LTC Rutter was decorated with the Silver Star. During Operation Desert Storm, then CPT Rutter commanded C Company, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, 'Rangers' in the 1st Infantry Division and was decorated with the Bronze Star for Valor in 1991. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, LTC Rutter commanded the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry 'Cottonbalers' in the 3rd Infantry Division, and made the initial assault into Iraq all the way to Baghdad as part of the 'Tip of the Spear.' A soldier in his attached engineer unit, Sergeant First Class Paul Smith, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

He has been described by the media as someone who "likes to get close to the fight, so close that his soldiers sometimes worry about his safety. He insists on traveling with the lead company." Michael Corkery, *Providence Rhode Island Journal* 2003

Scott retired from the U.S. Army after serving over 20 years in Air Assault, Light and Mechanized assignments in the Desert, the Pacific, and in the Continental United States. He served several years overseas and has deployed operationally to Saudi Arabia, Korea, Kuwait, and Iraq. Scott also served as a Senior Intelligence Officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

As a much sought after speaker, established writer, and experienced media analyst and reporter, his mission now is to raise the soldiers' voice in the news media. He has served as a FOX News Channel War Correspondent for several key events in Iraq, most notably during the Battle of Fallujah, Vice-Chairman for Vets for Victory, and as President of the 7th Infantry Regiment Association.

After his stint with FOX News Channel, Scott spent his next chapter as an executive in the defense industry, where he served as the Senior Director, Mounted Maneuver Programs, U.S. Combat Systems for BAE Systems leading a 500 Million Dollar business area which included U.S. and international programs for over 30 foreign countries to include Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Australia, Norway, Taiwan, and Pakistan.

Scott currently serves as the CEO of the Valor Network, Inc., a Service Disabled Veteran Owned telemedicine business headquartered in Seaside Park, NJ. The Valor Network is the largest only Teleradiology provider to all of the hospitals in the Department of Defense (Army, Navy, and Air Force). Additionally the Valor Network provides services to many other Government organizations to include the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), Department of Homeland Security (USCG, ICE), Indian Health Services, and other agencies. Scott created this multi-million dollar business after identifying a gap in health care to our Servicemembers, their Families, and Veterans. Scott also remains connected to the Defense Industry by providing selected defense organizations with Subject Matter Expertise in market development, business winning and program management.

Scott currently serves as a Member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer for TAPS – Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors and donates much of his time and energy speaking to organizations and raising awareness about the compelling issues facing our Servicemembers and Veterans. His passion has gained him national attention and has identified him as an expert in Veteran and Family Member issues exemplified by his selection to serve as the Chairman of the National Advisory Board- Veterans and Military Families for Governor Romney's 2012 Presidential Campaign as well as his position as Senior Advisor to Secretary Clinton for her 2008 Presidential Campaign.

Scott is a graduate of Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in History. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Management from the University of Saint Mary in Leavenworth, KS. In 2010, Scott was awarded the title of Distinguished Alumnus from Campbell University. Scott is a Distinguished Member of the 16th Infantry Regiment. Scott and his wife, Jolienne, have two sons, Seth (22) and Luke (20).



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Acknowledgment of Organizations

Thank You For Your Ongoing Support, Participation, And Donations To Service Organizations...

Seaside Park Softball League

Seaside Park Volunteer Fire Company

Seaside Park Environmental Committee

Seaside Park Beautification Committee

Seaside Park PTA

Seaside Park Historical Society

Tri-Boro First Aid Squad

Union Church of Seaside Park

The Parish Of St. Junipero Serra

Sand Dollar Garden Club

Seaside Park Democratic Club

Seaside Park Republican Club

Seaside Park Yacht Club

VFW Post No. 6063

Berkeley Striper Club

"God Bless America"

God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
to the oceans white with foam.
God Bless America, my home sweet home.





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SPECIAL THANKS

Council Members:

Council President Matt DeMichele
Council Member Dr. Fritz McHugh
Council Member Gina Condos
Council Member Marty Wilk, Jr.
Council Member Ray Amabile
Council Member William Kraft

Also...

Guest Speaker: U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Scott E. Rutter

Mr. Charles Miller

Scout Master & Troop No. 175

Borough Administrator Karen Kroon

Supervisor Eric Wojciechowski & Public Works Department

Chief Boag & Police Department

Municipal Clerk Sandy Martin & Deputy Municipal Clerk Jenna Jankowski

Beach Control Manager & Recreation Leader Joe Toth

Our Loyal Seaside Park Volunteers & Staff

The Residents of Our Community