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New Date for Ocean County Veterans Day Parade

(Toms River, NJ) The 2016 Ocean County Veterans Day Parade will be held on Monday, November 14th in downtown Toms River.

Due to the 2016 New Jersey Education Association Convention taking place November 10- 11 and Ocean County schools being closed the week of November 7-12, the Township and Toms River Veterans Commission agreed to move the parade to the Monday after Veterans Day.

Mayor Thomas F. Kelaher said, "This is the first year that we have come across a calendar conflict with the schools for the Veterans Day Parade. We are working with the Veterans Commission to notify all businesses that will be affected on November 14th. Our goal is to make your Parade experience as enjoyable and seamless as possible."

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Toms River Shopping Center on Route 37, proceeding south on Main Street (Route 166) and then east onto Washington Street. The parade will feature numerous military vehicles, elected officials, civic groups, first responders, local high school marching bands and a showcase of vintage cars. Chariot Riders of Manchester will once again be providing a rider-less horse with riding boots backwards to symbolize our fallen heroes.

"Veterans Day is a very important day to celebrate", said Mayor Kelaher. "It is especially important that we continue to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to serve in uniform, for their dedicated service to our country and for risking their lives to keep us safe."

After the parade, there will be a ceremony held outside Toms River's Town Hall at 33 Washington Street. A commemorative salute will begin at the 11th hour, on the 11th day of November, which signifies the end of World War I, originally known as Armistice Day. The post-parade ceremony will feature speakers and honored guests, a rifle salute, and the placing of the wreath on the Veteran's monument.

Please plan to join us in demonstrating our support and never ending appreciation of our military veterans, active military and their families.