

# BOROUGH OF SEASIDE PARK

## 2024 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MAY 27, 2024 at 9:30 am

- WELCOME - *Honorable Mayor John A. Peterson, Jr.*
- COLOR GUARD - *Seaside Park Police Dept. led by Patrolman Del Conte*
- POST THE COLORS - *Boy Scout Troop 175*
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- “NATIONAL ANTHEM” - *Charlie Miller*
- INVOCATION - *Father Michael Lorentsen*
- RECITATION - “IN FLANDERS FIELDS” - *Council President Wilk*
- WORDS OF SIGNIFICANCE
- MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED VETERANS
- “ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE” - *Charlie Miller*
- INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER - *Dr. Frank Kelly*
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ORGANIZATIONS
- RIFLE SALUTE - *Seaside Park Police Dept.*
- “TAPS” - *Morgan Hawks*
- MENTION OF APPRECIATION
- BENEDICTION - *Pastor Al Spangler*
- RETIRE THE COLORS
- “GOD BLESS AMERICA” - *Charlie Miller*



# INTRODUCTION OF MUSICIAN

## CHARLIE MILLER

Performing today is Mr. Charlie Miller, a Seaside Park staple. He attended elementary school here, served on the Board of Education, and owned an ice cream shop on Eighth Avenue, Charlie's Homemade Ice Cream. Mr. Miller is a veteran, having served the bulk of his 5 years of active duty with the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Mechanized Division of Fort Carson, Colorado, and 27 years in a reserve capacity with the 78<sup>th</sup> Division, where he retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. Miller attended Duquesne University and Seton Hall. He taught music for the Toms River Regional School District for 35 years, and while there, he directed 30 Broadway and Gilbert & Sullivan musicals. Mr. Miller also maintained a music studio at the world-famous Ansonia Hotel in Manhattan. Ever community-minded, Mr. Miller was the organist and Director of Music for the St. Catharine of Siena Church in Seaside Park for a number of years and is the organist and Director of Music for St. Simon-by-the-Sea in Mantoloking. Mr. Miller will be celebrating his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday in two weeks.



## “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 FIELDS”

BY JOHN McCRAE; READ BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILK

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.



## 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 keeps: 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.



## INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

### DR. FRANK KELLY

Decorated veteran, Dr. Frank Kelly served in the US Air Force from 1966-1971. During that time, he was assigned to A22 Pilot Training Group as Training Officer/Intelligence Officer, tasked with training foreign pilots. Dr. Kelly was deployed to the 12<sup>th</sup> Security Police Squadron in Phù Cát Force Base in the Republic of Vietnam, where he coordinated guard defenses for the air base from February 1970 to February 1971. While stationed in Vietnam, Dr. Kelly attended First Field Force Forward Observer training to call in air strikes and artillery. Dr. Kelly was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain after spending five months at St. Albans Naval Hospital in Queens, NY. Dr. Kelly received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, AFLSA Service Medal, and a Bronze Star for meritorious service.

After his service with the Air Force, Dr. Kelly obtained his medical doctorate from the University of Rome and completed his surgical residency in 1980. Dr. Kelly practiced in General Surgery & Critical Care for Atlantic Shore Surgical Associates, Ocean County Medical Center, and Ocean University Medical Center until his retirement in 2022. Dr. Kelly is married and has four children.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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  
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.



# SPECIAL THANKS

**Seaside Park Borough Council:**  
Council President Marty Wilk, Jr.  
Council Member Ray Amabile  
Council Member Gina Condos  
Council Member Joe Connor  
Council Member Bill Kraft  
Council Member Jerry Rotonda

**Guest Speaker**  
Dr. Frank Kelly

**Also:**  
Mr. Charlie Miller  
Scout Master Dale Hagen & Troop 175  
Morgan Hawks  
Austin Barney, CRHS Band Director  
Borough Administrator Karen Kroon  
Supervisor Eric Wojciechowski & Public Works Department  
Chief Boag, Patrolman Del Conte, & Seaside Park Police Dept.  
Municipal Clerk Jenna Jankowski  
Beach Control Manager & Recreation Leader Joe Toth  
Our Loyal Seaside Park Volunteers & Staff  
Residents of our Community

*Refreshments provided by Local PBA 182*

