



Port Norris

The Past for the Future

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Port Norris Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of our unique village, located in Commercial Township in Cumberland County, NJ.

PNHS Next meeting: June 11, 2019 7:00 pm • 1723 Main Street

[Visit our website for more details.](#)



Commercial Township Veterans Memorial

The Commercial Township Veterans Memorial Park was dedicated on Saturday, May 18 at 11 a.m. The park, is located at 8879 Highland Ave., adjacent to the Commercial Township Senior Center and the Port Norris State Police Barracks. It is definitely a 'must see' visit.

A huge round of applause goes to the Commercial Township Veterans Committee, who did a first class job of organizing, executing and accomplishing their plan to provide the community with a place to proudly honor military veterans of all branches of service. Those members are Joseph Klaudi, Chairman; Russell Stormes, Vice Chairman; Heather Sparks, Secretary/Treasurer; Mike Vizzard, Mayor; Fletcher Jamison, Deputy Mayor; Clint Miller, Public Works Supervisor; Richard Smith, Guy DeFabrites, Mark Sheppard, Donald Klaudi, Kenneth Smith and O'Connell Brown.

A special thanks to Ronald Sutton, Sr. For over twenty years of service to the Township. Mr. Sutton served as Mayor at the inception of this project and was key in developing the Committee and vision for the park.

Many thanks and appreciation for the pavers purchased and especially to the multitude of local businesses and dedicated individuals involved in the project who donated monies, supplies, time and hours of hard work.

It is because of the community that this beautiful memorial is now a reality!

[See More on Facebook](#)

[To order a dedication brick, click here.](#)



Commercial Township Veterans Memorial Park Committee



All Photos by Rachel Cobb



Each military branch raised their own flag to their individual anthems.

Raising of the American Flag

Army E-5 Senator, Bob Andrzejczak
Army SGT Joseph Klaudi,
Veterans Park Committee Chairman
Marine SGT Mark Sheppard

Raising of the Army Flag

SGT Bruno Crispo
SPC 5 Gerald Hoffman
E-4 Richard Jamison
E-3 Alan Goslin

Raising of the Navy Flag

E-3 Jim Blizzard
E-4 Les Berry
LT. Robert Moore
LT. Don Robbins
MR-2 Barry Estell
E-7 CPO Allen Brown

Raising of the Marines Flag

PFC Kenneth Smith
CPL Bill Berry
SGT E-5 O'Connell Brown
LCPL Russell Stormes

Raising of the Air Force Flag

E-4 Buddy Birmingham
SGT George Berry
E-4 Sam Ricci
E-4 Jim Dagastine

Raising of the Coast Guard Flag

E-3 Breanna Haines
PO3 Ryan Riccioni

Special Guests

Senator, Bob Andrzejczak
Senator Robert Land
Freeholder James Quinn

TAPS

Played by David Lore

NJ State Police
helicopter fly over.





Special Thanks to the Donors

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- Laurel Lake Fire & Rescue
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- Commercial Township Public Works Dept.
- Commercial Township Environmental Commission



Port Norris Pickings

May 4, 1889

Blue fish arrived on our shore yesterday and will soon be in the market.

The schooner Katie Krammer came in the river yesterday with a broken bowsprit. This is the second one for the season.



Our Trustee, Gloria Giudera, bike rides for MS. She completed the 25 mile challenge and then walked the Long Branch Boardwalk for an hour. We are very proud of you, Gloria! If you would like to support Bike MS, click on the link below. Donations will be accepted through June.

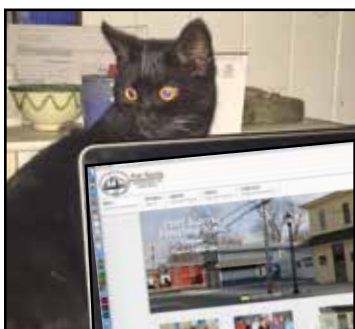
Your tax-deductible contribution will help the National MS Society fund groundbreaking research and life-changing services for people living with MS. And ultimately, end MS forever. Thank you so much! Gloria

[Click here to donate](#)

PNHS Attends RSVP Luncheon

On May 22, six of our members attended the Retired and Senior and Volunteer Program (RSVP) lunch which was held at the Motorsports Park in Millville. Following a delicious lunch, a lovely awards program was held. Each group attending donated a 'goody bag' which was part of the many door prizes that were handed out. This is the first year our members participated and we want to give special thanks to Faye Hickman for collecting, tallying and submitting our volunteer hours each month on our behalf.

The RSVP is the largest organized senior volunteer program in the nation. It is part of the Corporation for National and Community Service, sponsored by the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders and administered by the Cumberland County Office on Aging and Disabled. It provides opportunities for people 55 and over who make a difference in their community through volunteer service.



NORRIS ASKS

What is the origin of "Taps"?

The languid, melancholy sound of a bugle call is a fixture at military funerals. But it wasn't always that way. The song, "Taps", was played to signal "lights out" for soldiers.

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Please Note: Meeting dates and times are posted on the website each month along with the approved minutes from the last meeting. Everyone is always welcome. [Click here to view.](#)

Membership and Renew for 2019

We would love to add your name to our growing list of members. Please give some thought to joining the PNHS.

Membership fees are for Individual - \$10, Family - \$15, Benefactor - \$50 and over, and Student - \$1 (no voting privileges) and entitles you to discounts on our merchandise.

Click here to renew or join, historicportnorris.org/membership.htm

Or mail your check to: Port Norris Historical Society, PO Box 187 Port Norris, NJ 08349.

Thank you for your support. Membership is key to applying for grants as well as your dollars help us continue with all of our endeavours.

Membership fees are tax deductible.

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historicportnorris.org

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Gloria Giudera
John Hickman
Elizabeth Hoffman
Joyce Massey
Sam Ricci
Rev. E. Barnes, Lifetime Honorary Trustee

For a complete list of committees see our website. [View Here](#)