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For immediate release:

Marine Corps Veteran Juan E. Garcia Named Grand Marshal of the 2026 Bayonne Memorial Day Parade

The Bayonne Memorial Day Parade Committee announced that it has named Marine Corps veteran Sergeant Juan E. Garcia. He is a life member of the Marine Corps League, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Juan is presently the Commandant of the Marine Corp League Detachment 191 in Bayonne, and Commander of the American Legion Post 470. He is also a past County Commander and District Commandant for the Northeast District of New Jersey.

Juan enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1981, and attended heavy artillery school in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He is a Beirut, Lebanon / Grenada veteran and was awarded the Navy Unit Citation, the Marine Corp Expeditionary Ribbon, the Sea Service Citation, the Deployment Ribbon, the Combat Action Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, holding the rank of E5 Sergeant.

As a civilian, he has received the Distinguished Service Medal Award from the state of New Jersey and several other state recognitions. He also holds a certificate in International Trade and Commerce from PACE University in New York. Juan is very active

with helping fellow veterans and assisting hospitalized veterans in homes around New Jersey such as Menlo Park, Lyons Hospital, and East Orange with bingo, pizza parties, and barbecues. He assists with donations of needed items for the hospitals to distribute as needed by the veterans. Future goals are to continue to help and mentor the younger veteran community.

The Bayonne Memorial Day Parade will take place on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th, 2026. Since 2022, the City of Bayonne has worked in conjunction with the veterans of the Memorial Day Parade Committee to organize the parade.

There will be a ceremony at the traditional start of the parade on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th, at 10:00 a.m., at 5th Street by the World War I Monument. Immediately after the ceremony, the march will begin at 5th Street and will proceed up Broadway. It will pass the reviewing stand in front of American Legion Post 19 and will end at 32nd Street and Broadway.

Any organizations wishing to march, please contact Pete Amadeo at 201-858-6129 or email pamadeo@baynj.org.