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The Borough of Matawan Recreation Department is proud to announce the nomination of our 2021 Memorial Day Grand Marshall - **Mr. Richard Morello** a 35 year Matawan resident. Please join us in honoring him and his service to our Country on Sunday, May 30th, 2021 at 11:00AM at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Mr. Morello was born in January 1948 and was raised in Clifton, NJ. Due to a family crisis, he quit high school at 17 to enlist in the army. Newly enlisted in 1966, **Mr. Morello** was stationed with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis in Washington State; and trained there for 6-8 months before being shipped overseas to Vietnam to fight in the war. During his tour of duty, **Mr. Morello** was wounded in Operation Junction City and returned stateside. He was awarded the Purple Heart and finished his service with the 25th Infantry in Colorado Springs, Colorado where upon he did receive his GED. He was honorably discharged in 1970.



After the military, **Mr. Morello** worked as an electrician for 45 years, mainly in New York City. He worked at many famous buildings most notably the Pan Am Building and World Trade Center. **Mr. Morello** survived both terrorist attacks in 1993 and 2001 at the World Trade Center Buildings. In 2001, **Mr. Morello** fled with his fellow workers from the 9th floor, surviving the World Trade Center collapse.

Currently, **Mr. Morello** is married to his wife Mary, a life-long resident of Matawan. They live in Matawan with their 16 year old cat named Minni and follow the Yankees.