



3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
**FIELD OF HONOR<sup>®</sup>**

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**Photo Captions:**

**Pottersville resident Paul Bell places a flag in honor of his late nephew Lance Corp. Gary Bell, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps., at last year's Field of Honor<sup>®</sup> in Bedminster's River Road Park.**

**Former Jacobus Vanderveer House president and Honorary Trustee Grania Allport (center) with husband George (right), of Far Hills, daughter Tara (left) and grandchildren Scarlett and Henry.**

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**FLAGS AVAILABLE FOR THIRD ANNUAL FIELD OF HONOR<sup>®</sup> IN BEDMINSTER'S RIVER ROAD PARK**

**ORDER A COMMEMORATIVE FLAG AT THE BEDMINSTER-FAR HILLS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, BEDMINSTER'S MUNICIPAL BUILDING OR ONLINE**

**Bedminster, NJ, May 21, 2018...** The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House will host Bedminster's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Field of Honor<sup>®</sup> at River Road Park. The tribute will celebrate our nation's independence and honor those who have served our country and loved ones with a display of over 200 American flags in the north field of River Road Park along Route 202/206 in Bedminster beginning Monday, July 2 through Wednesday, July 11.

On Sunday, July 8, the community is invited to stroll through the Field of Honor<sup>®</sup> and picnic on the grounds from 1 to 4 pm. Musical entertainment will be provided by the popular New Jersey band Hoi Polloi, with food and beverages available for purchase. Proceeds from the flag sales and event will support *Raising The Bar(N)*, the Friends' Capital Campaign to raise an early 19<sup>th</sup> century barn on the grounds of the Vanderveer property.

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Flags are \$40 each and will be identified with the donor's personal message. Families of active duty military personnel (including National Guard and Reserve) can dedicate a flag at no charge (compliments of The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House) while supplies last.

Flags may be ordered at the Bedminster-Far Hills Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 28, beginning at 10 a.m. or at Bedminster's Municipal Building located at One Miller Lane in Bedminster. Flags may also be purchased online for \$45 at <http://jvanderveerhouse.givezooks.com/events/2018-field-of-honor>. Flags are available for pickup by their purchasers on Wednesday, July 11 beginning at 4 pm.

For questions about the Field of Honor® or purchasing a flag, email [info@jvanderveerhouse.org](mailto:info@jvanderveerhouse.org) or call 908-396-6053.

### **About The Jacobus Vanderveer House**

The Jacobus Vanderveer House served as headquarters for General Henry Knox during the winter of 1778-79 and is the only known building still standing that was associated with the Pluckemin Artillery Cantonment, believed to be the first installation in America to train officers in engineering and artillery. The Jacobus Vanderveer House interprets Dutch colonial life in America as well as the stay by General Knox and his family during the 1778-79 encampment. A National and New Jersey Historic Site, the Jacobus Vanderveer House is a true landmark that offers a vivid look into the history of our country and the lives of those who made it.

### *Raising the BAR(N)*

To further its mission of restoring, developing and operating the Jacobus Vanderveer House property as a national historic site and an educational and community resource, The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House have launched a *Raising The Bar(N)* Capital Campaign to raise an early 19<sup>th</sup> century barn, which will become the centerpiece of a planned farmstead surrounding Bedminster's historic Jacobus Vanderveer House. The barn will provide much-needed space for educational programming. It will provide a secure permanent exhibition space for the thousands of Revolutionary War artifacts excavated 30 years ago during the Pluckemin Archaeology Dig. Ultimately, it will become a unique venue for public, private and corporate events that will help financially sustain the historic property's future maintenance and operational costs.

### **About Field of Honor®**

The Field of Honor® program is part of a national movement that began as a way to commemorate the lives lost on September 11, 2001. In just a short amount of time, the concept has grown and communities like ours across America are turning to Field of Honor® tributes to raise money and awareness for a growing array of causes. The Field of Honor® is a community project of remembrance, and an expression of humanity and patriotism.

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