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## **GEN. NEGRIS TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ON MEMORIAL DAY**

### **Former Commander at Fort Dix Will Speak at May 29<sup>th</sup> Event**

Major General Rocco Negris, who concluded a 35-year military career as Commanding General at Fort Dix from 1986-1988, will deliver the keynote address at the County-sponsored Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Freeholder Director Bruce D. Garganio has announced.

Robert H. Yancey Jr., who served 27 years in the Navy and Army, and remains active in the Disabled American Veterans, Joint Veterans Alliance of Burlington County as well as various other veterans organizations, will have the honor of raising the flag to full staff at noon to conclude the ceremony.

The public is encouraged to attend the ceremony which will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, adjacent to the municipal complex, on Old York Road in Burlington Township.

It is the third consecutive year that the Freeholders have sponsored a Memorial Day Remembrance event. The ceremony will include readings by local veterans before General Negris' address.

Memorial wreaths will be placed at the flagpole by representatives of AMVETS, Buffalo Soldiers, the County, Military Officers Association of America/The Lakes and Pines Chapter, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 899 Bordentown and various other organizations.

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“We are privileged to have Major General Negriz speak on Memorial Day,” Garganio said. “It is most appropriate that a person of his stature – who served our country for 35 years, retired and remained in Burlington County, and continues to be involved in our communities – have the honor of delivering our keynote address.”

The ceremony is sponsored by the Burlington County Veterans Advisory Committee and the Freeholders with support from the Township of Burlington.

The Honor Guard from Vietnam Veterans #899 will participate and its director, Major Ron Hathaway, USMC (Ret.), will present a wreath on behalf of all Vietnam Veterans.

Captain Walter Urban, Jr. USNR (Ret.) will serve as moderator for the ceremony. The public is encouraged to attend the event, to be held rain or shine.

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