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Hunterdon Freeholders Support Rolling Thunder's 33rd Ride For Freedom Event, Waive Park Fees To Support Veterans

The Patriotic motorcycle group 'Rolling Thunder' will hold their 33rd nationwide 'Ride For Freedom,' Sunday, May 24th, at the South County 4H fairgrounds for a day of food, speakers, and musical tributes to veterans, following an escorted/planned ride to pass by the Historic Washington Crossing Park.

Freeholder Board Deputy Director and Veterans' Liaison Susan J. Soloway, at a recent Board meeting, said, "Rolling Thunder is a truly non-profit group that pays no compensation to staff or officers – all their funds go towards Veterans' assistance. The Freeholder Board agreed to waive the small cost to the County for the event, which is expected to boost County tourism."

Rolling Thunder is a registered charitable organization and spends close to 100% of what they raise on veterans' programs and assistance. The leaders, officers and staff of the group receive no compensation.

Rolling Thunder has been engaged with the POW/MIA issue for many years and is recognized for playing an instrumental role in the passage of the National POW/MIA Flag Act in 2019 which requires that the POW/MIA flag be displayed wherever the U.S. flag is flown at federal locations.

According to Rolling Thunder's announcement, the weekend kicks off Saturday, May 23rd at 4 pm with a wreath laying presentation at the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel, NJ. Festivities on May 24th start at 7 am and with a \$5 registration fee, fellow bikers are welcome to 'Ride For Freedom' between South County and Washington Crossing Parks at noon sharp.

To participate in the ride, helmets must be worn. Also, please note, alcohol will not be permitted anywhere in the park and overnight camping is not permitted.

For more information, please contact Joe Bean, (484) 880-2012 or Ed Crabtree, (908) 930-1920. For additional information, visit www.rollingthunder1.com.