



*John Basilone  
Parade Committee*

*22 First Street  
Raritan, New Jersey 08869*

THE ONLY PARADE IN AMERICA HONORING A WAR HERO

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, September 20, 2015, the Borough of Raritan will host its 34th Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade honoring its National World War II hero, Marine Sergeant John Basilone. Sergeant Basilone received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his gallant action during the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942 and the Navy Cross posthumously for more heroism in the Battle of Iwo Jima where he was killed in 1945.

The parade continues to grow in size and popularity each year. Last year, more than one hundred-fifty units marched along with twenty military and high school bands before thousands of spectators, many of whom came from different parts of the country to attend this annual event.

Parade expenses increase each year and although funds are provided by the municipal budget for this occasion, we rely on the generosity of many people like you for the success of this yearly tribute. We respectfully request your support and thank you in advance for your contribution.

We invite your organization to join us in making this year's parade the biggest and best ever. Participating units are to report for registration and line of march assignments at 11:30 AM at the Raritan Train Station located between Thompson and Anderson Streets. The parade will begin promptly at 1:00 PM.

Please respond on the enclosed card. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Pacifico". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

John R. Pacifico, Chairman  
John Basilone Parade Committee  
908-429-8868 (phone)

*Please make checks payable to John Basilone Parade Committee.*

*\*If you are unable to present this invitation to the organization designated on the enclosed card, kindly forward it to the appropriate person. Thank you.*