

Basilone Parade Information

The Basilone Parade starts at 1 PM on Sunday, September 18th.

On parade day groups marching need to “check in” at the Registration Desk at the Raritan Train Station. The desk opens at 9 AM. Please register by 11:45 AM so that we can get organized.

The people at the registration desk will point you in the direction of the person that will line you up.

For first timers, reminder Raritan is in Somerset County next to Somerville and Bridgewater.

A good GPS address to get to the Raritan Train Station is “77 Thompson Street Raritan NJ 08869”.

Parking for marchers or watchers can be a challenge in Raritan. Attached are some parking tips as well as a parking map.

After the parade there will be free hamburgers and hotdogs and water at the Basilone Statue.

A ceremony is also held after the parade at the statue.

See you there. Remember - the parade is rain or shine.

Bruce Doorly

Chairman Basilone Parade

Parking for Basilone Parade

As for parking for the Basilone Parade, there has never been a magical answer for the parking. Raritan is a downtown with somewhat crowded side streets.

Those marching in the parade may park at the Raritan Train Station (that is where one “checks in” on parade day) - if parking spots are available. The earlier you arrive, the better chance you have of getting a parking spot at the train station. Other parking is available on the many side-streets in Raritan. In addition, there are two banks on Raritan’s main street – Somerset Street - which have around 16 parking spots each. Those banks are the PNC Bank at 9 West Somerset Street and Somerset Savings Bank at 802 West Somerset Street . There is also parking at LabCorp which is on Johnson Drive - which is off First Avenue. Also, along the river, the southern park of town, there are several small parking lots on Canal Street and Orlando Drive.

As for buses. Sometimes buses will drop off their passengers at the Train Station and then go down toward the end of the parade (by the Basilone Statue) and park on Gaston Avenue so that their passengers can hop right on the bus at the end of the parade.