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Sunset Beach Town Council

Mayor Shannon Phillips

Mayor Pro-Tem John Corbett

Councilman Charles Nern

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May 29, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Veterans Memorial

Sunset Beach Town Park



General (Retired) Curtis “Mike” Scaparrotti, a 1978 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, completed a distinguished 41-year career in the US Army on 2019 as the Commander, US European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, NATO. As the NATO Commander, General Scaparrotti worked to preserve the security and stability of the Alliance and strengthen it in the face of traditional and new-age adversaries. He collaborated with the leadership of all 29 NATO member nations, as well as the various NATO partner countries around the world.

Earlier, General Scaparrotti served as the Commander of US Forces Korea / United Nations Command / Combined Forces Command in Seoul, South Korea from 2013 to 2016. He has also served as the Director of the Joint Staff, Commander of the International Security Assistance Force, the Deputy Commander of US Forces - Afghanistan, the Commanding General of I Corps and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and the Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC.

Additionally, General Scaparrotti served in key leadership positions at the tactical, operational, and strategic level of the United States military. These positions have included Director of Operations at US Central Command, and the 69th Commandant of Cadets at the US Military Academy at West Point. He has commanded forces during Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Support Hope (Zaire/Rwanda), Joint Endeavor (Bosnia-Herzegovina), and Assured Response (Liberia).

General Scaparrotti’s awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Army Meritorious Service Medal. Additionally, he has earned the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

General Scaparrotti’s military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. Additionally, he holds a Master’s degree in Administrative Education from the University of South Carolina. After retiring, General Scaparrotti joined the Cohen Group as a Senior Counselor. He also is the President and Chairman of Korea Defense Veterans Association, a Trustee of The German Marshal Fund, a member of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council, a member of the Advisory Board of the Patriot Foundation, a Senior Fellow at the National Defense University, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Spirit of America.

Mike and his spouse, Cindy, settled in Topsail Beach, North Carolina.

Program

Master Of Ceremonies	Karen Joseph
Welcome	Mayor Shannon Phillips
Honor Guard	Fire Department: Lt. Sonny Smith, Firefighter Joseph Fulmer Police Department: Det. Kevin Long, Officer Anthony Covelli
Pledge of Allegiance	Charlie Nern
National Anthem	Song Birds
Invocation	Chaplain Jason Benton
Remarks & Grant Awards	John Corbett
Unveiling brick program	Lou DeVitta
Introduction of General Scaparrotti	Skip Hall
Keynote Address	General Curtis Scaparrotti
Closing	Karen Joseph
Laying of Wreath: WWII Veteran: Leo Jarmusz; Korean War Veterans: Guy Lachapelle & Bill Hoyle; Vietnam War Veteran: Joe Ausley	
Taps: David Nelms	

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