



John Alvarez/Special to the CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE

Hume honored at Sunset Beach ceremony

Following a 40-year tradition of holding flag ceremonies at Sunset Beach, the casket flag of Marvin Hume, founder of the ceremony, was flown on Memorial Day. He was an Aviation Machinist's Mate on five different aircraft carriers, teaching Navy personnel how to repair airplane parts. The last carrier he served on was the USS Megara until his discharge in 1945. Hume passed away April 25.

Animal protection

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to allow common sense to prevail."

Thompson said an animal could not be left in a garage with a temperature less than 32 degrees but could remain in a 32-degree garage with a concrete floor. Stefankiewicz said the ordinance had a temperature scale and the general provisions of Subsection G of the ordinance prohibit pet owners from withholding proper shelter, protection from weather, veterinary care and immunizations, as well as food and water.

The ordinance stipulates dogs shall not be confined for more than nine hours outdoors and shall be in a temperature-controlled environment when it is below 32 degrees or above 90 degrees.

The ordinance states dogs must be able to move freely when chained or tethered and shall not be confined for a pe-

riod longer than nine hours. The size of the tether or chain must be a minimum of 15 feet and must remain tangle-free.

The ordinance amendment states a doghouse must be accessible to chained or tethered dogs and no dog shall be chained or tethered outside for more than 30 minutes after sunset or before sunrise.

In addition, owners or caretakers of pets must provide sufficient food and drinkable water on a daily basis. The ordinance specifies that no animal shall be subject to unnecessary suffering and cruelty such as subjecting the animal to prolonged fear, injury, pain or physical abuse.

"Interaction with humans and other animals shall not be withheld," it states.

"If you have an unusual circumstance, it might be 32 degrees but an animal control officer or a police officer can still look at Subsection G and

make a determination that it's improper," Stefankiewicz said.

He said the ordinance has been discussed during six council meetings during which council grappled with how it could define each and every problem that may arise if a pet is inside or outside during the summer or inside during winter.

Stefankiewicz said council elected to stay with the language is Subsection G, which he called a "catch all" that prohibits certain activities in the body of the ordinance before Subsection G.

"You're not going to be able to legislate every single circumstance as it might arise, but if you take a look at the ordinance in total, it probably covers every circumstance and situation that could arise," he said.

Failure to comply with the ordinance is subject to a fine of \$100 to \$1,000.



Jack Fichter/CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE

Members of the Cape May Beach Patrol launch a flower boat into the surf during Memorial Day ceremonies Monday.



WOND Radio's David Spatz, left, broadcasts live from the deck of Cape May Convention Hall with Mayor Edward Mahaney and Pastor Jeff Elliott, of Cape May Lutheran Church.

Memorial Day

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World War II veteran John Seubert spoke of the Merchant Marine, which he noted had the highest percentage of casualties of all armed forces.

He said the Merchant Marine was not given veteran status by the U.S. government until 1983, 43 years after the end of World War II.

"Patriotism is the underpinning of the small-town values

and traditions that we embrace in the city of Cape May," Mayor Edward Mahaney said. "They are the basis of why you come here to live, to work or to visit."

West Cape May Mayor Pamela Kaithern read a poem entitled "Peace," by Amanda Bradley.

"Peace will come when people live in friendship side by side and cherish understanding more than hatred, greed and pride," she read.

Coast Guard Facilities Engineer Robert Hueller said service members toil in the most austere and dangerous environments on Earth by choice with little incentive.

"These are the best volunteers our nation has to offer," he said. "Many have college degrees or were accepted to college institutions and have unlimited other choices outside the armed forces, but they still choose to serve because they are answering a higher calling."

He said those men and women were standing watch on the bridge or deep in the bilges of a cutter in 60-foot seas in the Bering Sea, off the coast of Alaska.

At its conclusion, the service moved to the beach behind Convention Hall with the color guard from Training Center Cape May and Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 82 presenting a rifle salute and the launching of a flower boat with the assistance of the Cape May Beach Patrol.

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