C.O. Steffi's Fotos at Celebrate Israel Day Parade

On Sunday, June 4th the 2017 Celebrate Israel Day parade was held on 5th Ave., Manhattan.

DOC Commissioner Ponte, a DOC Ceremonial Unit and a DOC Maccabees Society contingent attended. Maccabees Society member and photographer Stephanie Ruimy made these images available to the Correction History website.

The parade organizers trace its origin to 1965 when thousands walked down Riverside Drive in support of the young State of Israel.

That impromptu walk evolved into the Salute to Israel Parade on Fifth Avenue. In 2011 the name was changed to Celebrate Israel.
both members of DOC Maccabees Society.

Commissioner and Maccabees: left to right, Yonah Jungreis, Ronnie Krugman, Stephanie Ruimy (RNDC), Ceremonial Unit: Arms Bearer, Flag Bearer, Arms Bearer, Captains Williams (Bellevue Hospital Ward) and Michael Picard (HQ), Mitch Schwadron, and Commissioner Joseph Ponte. (Photo Taken by Jonathan Picard.)