Farmingville, NY - On May 29th, Supervisor Mark Lesko was the guest speaker at the annual Three Village Memorial Day parade, which stretched down Main Street in East Setauket and ended with a ceremony at Memorial Park. A number of local groups took part in the parade, including school bands, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, fire, police, and ambulance departments. The event was sponsored by Setauket's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3054 and featured veterans who served overseas, from World War II to the present conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Several local officials were also in attendance, including Town Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld.

As part of his address, Supervisor Lesko told the story of Pvt. David D. Hunter of the United States Army, a Setauket native who lost his life fighting in Germany in 1945.

"Private David Hunter is a prime example of the heroism embodied in our nation's armed forces throughout our country's history," said Supervisor Lesko, "Words cannot express the gratitude that I have for all of those members of our military who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to prevent tyranny abroad and preserve our freedoms here at home."

Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld said, "Memorial Day allows our community to come together to honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives in defense of our great nation. I am proud to participate annually in our local Three Village parade and I thank our Setauket VFW Post 3054 and retired Colonel Jack Cassidy of the United States Marine Corps, in particular for their consistent leadership in hosting this parade with our other local Veteran posts - as well as all our local citizens who came out to remember America's brave heroes."