Acting Supervisor/Councilwoman Walsh Attends Commissioning Ceremony of the USS Michael Murphy in New York Harbor

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Farmingville, NY - On Saturday, October 6, Acting Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh attended the Commissioning Ceremony of the USS Michael Murphy in New York Harbor. The Naval ship, an Arleigh Burke Class Flight IIA missile destroyer, is named in honor of former Patchogue resident Lt. Michael Patrick Murphy, who was killed in Afghanistan on June 28, 2005. He was awarded the Medal of Honor on October 22, 2007 by President George W. Bush who expressed that "in his final act of bravery, he continued to engage the enemy until he was mortally wounded, gallantly giving his life for his country and the cause of freedom."

Acting Supervisor/Councilwoman Walsh said, "It was an honor to attend the commissioning ceremony for this magnificent ship and be among the Murphy family and all the brave men and woman who serve our country. Lt. Murphy's life and legacy is a shining example of the true heroism and honor that has made this country so great. I wish safe sailing for the ship and its crew."

Pictured left to right are Theresa Sperduto, Acting Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency director Tom Ronayne, Brookhaven Veterans Service Officer John Rago and Frankie Bania, from the United States Veterans Motorcycle Club of Long Island (USVMCLI).

The newly commissioned USS Michael Murphy.

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