Town of Brookhaven Hosts Veterans Appreciation Day Reception

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Local service members treated to refreshments at Town Hall.

In the photograph on the right, Councilman Timothy Mazzei and Councilman Dan Panico are pictured with Veterans Services Coordinator John Rago. Councilwoman Connie Kepert is pictured on the left with Rago and local veterans from her district.

Farmingville, NY - The Town of Brookhaven's Office of Veterans Services hosted a Veterans Appreciation Day Reception at Town Hall on November 9th, 2012 for various local veterans groups, including VFW Posts, American Legions, AMVETS, and the United Veterans of America. Veterans Services Coordinator John Rago served as the master of ceremonies for the event, which featured remarks from Town Council members Timothy Mazzei, Connie Kepert, and Dan Panico. Those in attendance were treated to refreshments.

Acting Supervisor Kathleen Walsh, who serves as the Town Board liaison to the Office of Veterans Services, said "I thank Veterans Services Coordinator John Rago for all of the hard work that he does to make sure that these great men and women who risked everything to defend this great nation are recognized as the American patriots that they are."

"The brave men and women of our nation's Armed Forces, not just those in Brookhaven but nationwide, deserve our respect and recognition. I am proud to stand alongside my colleagues on the Town Board in thanking our service members for the sacrifices they have endured in defense of the freedoms that we enjoy on a daily basis," said Councilman Timothy Mazzei.

"It is of the utmost importance that we do not forget the sacrifices made by these men and women for our freedoms", stated Councilwoman Kepert. "Thank you to all of our veterans who have served their country proudly and honorably."

"The Veterans of this Town and this Country deserve our utmost respect," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "Amidst helping out our constituents during the storm, it was my pleasure to come in and salute our Veterans at our yearly reception. As bad as things may seem at the moment in the aftermath of the storm, people in many places of the world face daily atrocities and injustice that would make what we now experience seem ideal. It is because of the men and women of our armed services that freedoms and democracy endures."

For more information on the Town of Brookhaven's Office of Veterans Services, please call (631) 451-6574 or visit www.brookhaven.org/veterans.