

Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner Thank the Rocky Point Veterans of Foreign Wars for Remembering Brookhaven Residents lost on September 11, 2001

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The Rocky Point VFW will construct a September 11 Memorial at the Town's Diamond in the Pines Park

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner have announced plans for a joint effort with the Rocky Point Veterans of Foreign Wars Fischer-Hewins Post 6249 to construct a memorial at the Town's Diamond in the Pines Park in Coram to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our country. There will be three monuments constructed at the site, each honoring a different group that suffered losses that day:

- All of the former students from Town of Brookhaven schools that perished.
- The New York City Fire Department that lost 343 firefighters.
- The New York City Police Department that lost 23 officers and the Port Authority that lost 37 officers.

"I thank the Rocky Point VFW Post 6249 for their efforts to make sure we always keep those who called Brookhaven home and our first responders who died in 9-11 in our hearts," said Supervisor Lesko, "this memorial will serve as a reminder to all of us how precious our freedom is and that we must always remember the innocent and the brave whose heroic actions saved thousands of lives."

Councilwoman Bonner said, "I am proud to have had a part in helping the Rocky Point VFW realize their goal of constructing a 9/11 memorial at Diamond in the Pines and I thank Joe Cognitore and Rich Acritelli for their work on the project. This organization has done so much for our community and this is another example of their unyielding spirit and commitment to honoring those who sacrifice their lives in the name of freedom."

Joe Cognitore, Commander of the Rocky Point Veterans of Foreign Wars Fischer-Hewins Post 6249 said, "I would like to thank Supervisor Lesko, Councilwoman Jane Bonner and the Town Board for passing the resolution supporting the 9/11 Memorial Project, and Parks Commissioner Ed Morris for selecting the actual site in the Park. It is appropriate that this memorial will be in a Town of Brookhaven Park that will last for many years as a reminder to future generations. Let us never forget that 3,000 innocent people lost their lives on that horrible day."

The Rocky Point Veterans of Foreign Wars Fischer-Hewins Post 6249 is seeking donations to help with the cost of construction of the 9/11 memorial at Diamond in the Pines park. For more information, visit www.vfw6249.org.

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