

Town Officials Honor Sgt. Santora and Staff Sgt. Bonacasa at Rededication of VFW Post in Farmingville

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Farmingville, NY – On June 3, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro and Councilmen Kevin LaValle, Neil Foley, and Dan Panico joined members of the Farmingville VFW Post 400 to rededicate their Post in recognition of Sgt. Jason Santora and Staff Sgt. Louis Bonacasa Memorial Post 400 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Both Sgt. Santora and Staff Sgt. Bonacasa were Brookhaven Town residents who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Sgt. Santora, a U.S. Army Ranger who grew up in Farmingville and graduated from Sachem North High School, was killed in action on April 23, 2010 in Afghanistan. Santora enlisted in 2006 and had deployed several times to both Iraq and Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Louis Bonacasa served with the New York Air National Guard 105th Base Squadron and lived in Coram. He had previously served in Iraq, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia. He was killed in action on December 21, 2015 by a suicide bomber near Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan.

On hand for the ceremony were the families of Sgt. Santora and Staff Sgt. Bonacasa, members of VFW posts from throughout the Town of Brookhaven, the Gold Star Mothers and members of the patriot guard.

In the photo seated in the front row are the families of Sgt. Santora and Staff Sgt. Bonacasa. Pictured in the back row, left to right, are Supervisor Romaine, Councilman LaValle, members of VFW Post 400 Farmingville,

Councilman Panico (back row, fourth from right), Highway Superintendent Losquadro, Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn and Krystina Sconzo, representing Assemblyman Dean Murray.

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