

Brookhaven Councilman Dan Panico Announces New Program To Offer Combat Wounded Veterans Specially-designated Parking at Town Facilities

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Farmingville, NY – In honor and observance of Veterans Day, Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico (fifth from left) today announced a new program that he has introduced to designate special parking stalls for Combat Wounded Veterans at Town of Brookhaven facilities. Councilman Panico sponsored a resolution that will be voted on at the November 19th Town Board Meeting that will authorize the installation of Combat Wounded Veteran Parking stalls at Brookhaven Town Hall, as well as other Town facilities.

“There are approximately 1.8 million Purple Heart recipients and combat wounded service members nationwide who have transitioned back into civilian life,” said Councilman Panico. “These individuals have made great sacrifices to ensure our freedom; they have spilled blood, and establishing this special parking program is just one small way that we in the Town of Brookhaven can show our gratitude.”

Councilman Panico was joined by Supervisor Romaine and fellow Town Board members at a news conference where the first-ever Combat Wounded Veteran Parking spot was officially unveiled in the parking lot at Brookhaven Town, and one of the first of its kind on all of Long Island.

“Brookhaven is proud to be at the forefront of this parking program that honors our Veterans,” said Supervisor Romaine. “These men and women have sacrificed a great deal to preserve freedom, and we are pleased that we can offer them this important accommodation.”

The parking signs were obtained by Councilman Panico from the Wounded Warriors Family Support organization, at no cost to the Town. The signs will be installed at parking stalls at Town Hall, the Park’s Department, and the Highway Department, a number of parks, ball fields, marinas, beaches and recreation centers.

“I think this is another great symbol of gratitude to a special class of people, and I think It’s another way that the Town of Brookhaven continues to use innovative techniques to thank our Warriors for their sacrifices,” said Patrick Donohue, an Afghanistan War Veteran and President of Project9line.

Pictured left to right are Councilman Kevin LaValle, Charlie Trabold (veteran), Legislator Tom Murature, Richard Dellasso (veteran), Councilman Dan Panico, John Rago (veteran), Russell Gerry (veteran), Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Neil Foley.

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