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Mangano & Winthrop-University Hospital Announce Welcome Home Heroes Program



Supporting men and women who are returning home from military service, Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano announced that Winthrop-University Hospital is offering a free training and job search assistance program through its Welcome Home Heroes Program.

George Rainer, Senior Vice President of Human Resources at Winthrop and a former veteran of the Vietnam era, said that the program will provide all of the necessary assistance to facilitate re-entry into the workforce. Mr. Rainer and his senior staff members will offer veterans assistance with resume preparation, mock interviews, computer training on Microsoft products and one-on-one coaching.

Those interested will also take several Assessment Inventory tests that will lead to discussions on how to enhance interaction skills, work and manage within different generational groups, understand and enhance leadership style, and translate a passion for life into a passion for work.

The program will provide tours of Hospital departments and information on the many healthcare career options as well as the local colleges, universities and vocational schools that have programs for veterans to acquire the knowledge and/or skills necessary for a career in healthcare. Where appropriate, shadow experiences and internships will be provided.

Winthrop will also share current job openings with the veterans and refer qualified veterans for job interviews and job placement.

John Collins, President & CEO of Winthrop-University Hospital, strongly supports the program noting the great responsibility the Hospital has to the men and women who have put their lives on the line to preserve our freedom.

"The entire Administration and Board of Directors at Winthrop stand firmly behind this effort," Collins said.

To take advantage of this program, veterans are encouraged to call Winthrop's Human Resources Department at (516) 663-2925.

Veterans, Nassau County Salutes you!

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the struggles our returning men and women face."

It's for those reasons that Mangano said he has worked tirelessly to create affordable housing for homeless veterans in the County and why his administration hosts two veterans "Stand Downs" each year to provide much needed services to the brave men and women in Nassau County.

"So, beyond this day, let's go forward with a personal pledge to honor our veterans each day and work together to improve their lives, as they did ours," Mangano ended by saying. "Thank you. God bless all of our veterans and God bless the United States of America."



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HOMETOWN HEROES NEWSLETTER

Mangano Honors Veterans!



This Veterans Day, Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano joined with over a hundred veterans - hailed from all branches of military service - at the Veterans Memorial in Eisenhower Park to honor and remember all American heroes who served our nation and defended its freedom.

The event, co-hosted by the United Veterans Organization (UVO), featured William A. Kraus, Acting Director of the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, as its guest speaker. The United States Marine Color Guard performed, followed by a special performance by the Nassau County Police Department Pipe & Drum Band.

County Executive Mangano honored and recognized Vietnam Veterans for their service to our nation by presenting Nassau County Certificates of Appreciation along with Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto and Nassau Legislator Dennis Dunne.

"On behalf of the residents of Nassau County and a grateful nation, I thank all of the veterans who served our Country in times of war and peace, as well as all our servicemen and women who are now defending freedom here and around the globe," said County Executive Mangano. "We salute the spouses, sons, daughters, mothers and fathers of our deployed military throughout this nation and recognize their sacrifice with admiration."

Mangano spoke about the "deep debt of gratitude" we owe to all of our veterans and their families who "shouldered those same burdens, days or decades ago, and thank them for the America we cherish today."

"It is vital that we remember the sacrifices of our veterans and support them whenever and wherever possible," Mangano continued. "As the son of a Korean War veteran, I know of

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Veteran Events 2012

May 2012 - United Veteran Organization Memorial Day Ceremony, Eisenhower Park, Veteran Plaza: Field 6, East Meadow

Vietnam War Veteran Association Pray Service, Holy Redeemer Church, 37 South Ocean Avenue, Freeport

June 2012 - American Legion Convention Levittown Hall, 201 Levittown Parkway, Hicksville Thursday, 6/10/- 6/13 Ceremony Sunday on 6/13/2010 @ 5:00pm "Moving Vietnam Wall"; Greis Park in Lynbrook

July 2012 - Nassau County Veterans Summer Stand Down, Hempstead

August 2012 - "Nassau County Salute to Veterans", Eisenhower Park: Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre

September 2012 - United Veteran Organization Ceremony, Cradle of Aviation, Uniondale

Gold Star Mother Ceremony, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow

County Executive's Veterans BBQ, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow

Nassau County MIA - POW Candle Light Vigil; Eisenhower Park, Veteran Plaza: Field 6, East Meadow

November 2012 - UVO Veteran Day Ceremony, Eisenhower Park, Veteran Plaza: Field 6, East Meadow

Nassau County Winter Stand Down, Freeport



Hundreds of Veterans Attend Winter Stand Down

Just days before Thanksgiving Day, Nassau County's annual winter "Veterans Stand Down" provided hot meals, free clothing and financial benefit services to more than 125 men and women who served in our nation's armed forces.

On Nov. 21, between 9am and 3pm, Nassau veterans visited the 1st Marine Corps. District Headquarters on Stewart Ave. in Garden City for the bi-annual event, hosted by Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano in coordination with the United Veterans Organization (UVO).

County Executive Mangano and County Legislator Rose Walker joined over 200 volunteers in assisting veterans in-need at the event.

"It was great to visit with some of the bravest men and women from our area who have served this nation with honor," said County Executive Mangano. "Events such as this

provide resources to our heroes and I thank everyone who helped make this event such a success."

Clothes and food donated from the community were available to the veterans, as well as haircuts, medical screening and enrollment in the VA health care system. Veterans also received assistance with securing entitled benefits, job counseling and legal advice. A hot Thanksgiving lunch with turkey and all the trimmings was served to all attendees.

Representatives from Nassau County government agencies participated, including the Departments of Social Services, Health, and Human Services and the Office of the Physically Challenged.

Private agencies were also on hand to assist



veterans, including The Salvation Army, the law firm of Fusco, Brandstein & Rada and The Soldiers Project; as well as state and federal government agencies like the New York State Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, New York State Division of Veterans Affairs and the Red Cross.



Gold Star Families Remember Loved Ones

Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano joined the Gold Star mothers, fathers and families as they offered a "Remembrance of our Fallen Heroes" program at the Veterans Memorial in Eisenhower Park on Saturday, October 1st. The ceremony honored the memory of U.S. Armed Forces personnel from New York State who have died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It is a tremendous honor for the County to host this event, which allows us to reflect upon and honor the sacrifices made by our young men and women in combat, along with their families," said County Executive Mangano. "I am proud to pay tribute to these fallen heroes and to express solidarity with these families."

The Gold Star Mothers, organized after World War I and headquartered in Washington, D.C., operates as a support group for American women who have lost sons or daughters in war.

The poignant ceremony, the second annual commemoration on Long Island, drew visitors from throughout the state - including color

and honor guards, guest speakers, music and a reading of names of those who have fallen followed by a 21-gun salute.

"We want to make sure that the sacrifices made by our sons and daughters - and their memories - are not forgotten," said Levittown resident Nancy Fuentes, whose son, Spc. Daniel Fuentes, was killed in action on April 6, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq. "This event helps ensure that their memories will continue to live on."

At the ceremony, County Executive Mangano said, "we remember those whose ultimate sacrifice allows us to continue to live in freedom."

"Throughout our history, brave men and women have willingly answered the call of duty to not only defend our nation and way of life, but to extend the

benefits of freedom and the rule of law to other nations and people suffering under tyranny... I also salute the courage of their families for shouldering their burden of loss every day."

"To the fallen and their families: A Grateful Nation Thanks You," Mangano added.





Mangano Commemorates POW/MIA Recognition Day

They came from all over Long Island – members of veterans' organizations, elected officials, clergy and American ex-prisoners of war – to participate in Nassau County's annual POW/MIA Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Eisenhower Park.



Hosted by Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano, the ceremony - observing National POW/MIA Recognition Day on Saturday, September 24th - featured the reading of the names of all Long Island's POW/MIAs. Guest speakers included George Sullivan (USMC), Navy Cross Recipient; Hon. Robert M. Blakeman, and Mr. Ron Zoeller.

"We honor the sacrifice of prisoners of war and those who have gone missing under our nation's flag and the families that have been left behind," said County Executive Mangano. "A promise is given for those who wear the uniform of the United States that no one will be forgotten or left behind. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is about keeping that promise through this special day of remembrance for the safe return of American Prisoners of War and those still missing in action."

The Vietnam War Veterans Association displayed a Bamboo Cage, which symbolizes the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established by an Act of Congress in 1998. It is one of six days that the POW/MIA flag can be flown. There are 74,074 unaccounted service members from World War II; 8,028 from Korea; 1,713 from Vietnam; 912 from the Gulf War and 2 from the War on Terror.

"It was a privilege to take part in this solemn tradition of remembrance for those who served our country and remain missing but certainly are not forgotten," Mangano said. "We honor the sacrifice of prisoners of war and those who have gone missing under our nation's flag. Even though their fates are still unknown, they are no less our heroes. We salute their service to our country, protecting our precious freedoms."

The ceremony ended as Bagpipes played Amazing Grace, the flag was raised to full staff and the crowd joined in on a rendition of God Bless America.



Mangano Celebrates First Annual Veterans BBQ

Despite the pouring rain, Nassau County forged ahead to host the First Annual Veterans BBQ at Eisenhower Park on Friday, Sept. 23. More than one hundred veterans and their families enjoyed hours of food and entertainment under two large tents, thanks to a \$5,000 contribution from Winthrop Hospital – the event's main sponsor – and Dover Catering.

Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano led a moment of silence for our troops around the world, followed by a rendition of our national anthem sung by the USO Liberty Belles. Kirby Jolly and the Little Brass Band played for the crowd and WHLI played recorded music throughout the afternoon.

"There are numerous solemn and reflective occasions this time of year, honoring those to whom we owe our freedoms," Mangano said. "But today, we express our gratitude in a very different way, with a party!"



Generous donations were also made from Panera Bread, Kozy Shack, BK Sweeneys, Arizona Iced Tea and Popchips. Representatives were on hand from several County departments to answer questions and provide helpful information related to Social Services, Housing, Health, Mental Health,

Assessment, Veterans Services and Senior Citizens Services.

County Executive Mangano closed by saying, "on behalf of the 1.3 million residents of Nassau County, I thank you for your service to our country, your courage and your honor."