



# Suffolk County Legislature

## General Meeting/Committee Information

### Abbreviation Key for Marked Agenda

- A: Approved
- T: Tabled
- F: Failed
- W: Withdrawn
- O: Overridden
- SU: Sustained
- R: Recessed
- C: Closed
- CC: Sent to Consent Calendar
- SC: Sent to Committee
- TSC: Tabled Subject to Call
- X: No Action Taken
- S: Status of Resolution

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

## Veterans Committee

**Steve Stern, Chairman**

Legislator 16<sup>th</sup> District

Committees

Chairman – Veterans

Vice-Chair – Economic Development

Member- Budget & Finance

Member-Seniors & Consumer Affairs

Member- Parks & Recreation

Member-Public Works, Transportation & Energy



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**TO: MEMBER OF THE VETERANS COMMITTEE**

- ✓ Legislator Sarah Anker, Vice-Chair
- Legislator Monica Martinez (Excused Absence)
- ✓ Legislator Tom Barraga
- ✓ Legislator Lou D'Amaro
- ✓ Legislator Leslie Kennedy

✓ **FROM: Legislator Steve Stern, Chairman**

**DATE: Tuesday, March 29, 2016**

**RE: Veterans Committee Agenda**

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Veterans Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Correspondence
3. Public Portion
4. Presentations: April is the Month of the Military Child
  - ✓ Tom Ronayne, Director Veterans Services Agency
  - ✓ Melissa Pandolf, Suffolk County Veterans Services Officer to Discuss "Kids Who Serve"
5. Tabled Resolutions:

TPH 1007 Adopting Local Law No. -2016, A Local Law to provide designated parking for veterans at  
500 MM County facilities. (Muratore)

6. Introductory Resolutions: None

7. Procedural Motions: None

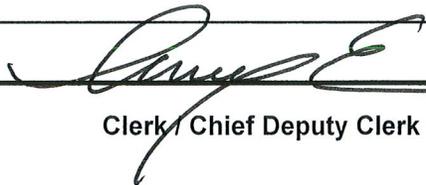
8. Adjournment

Tuesday,  
DATE: April 5, 2016

TIME: 9:46 A.m.

**VETERANS**

LD	Legislator	Present	Absent	Time
16	Steven H. STERN, Chair	/		
6	Sarah S. ANKER, Vice Chair	/		
9	Monica R. MARTINEZ		/	
11	Thomas BARRAGA	/		
12	Leslie KENNEDY	/		
17	Lou D'AMARO	/		



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VETERANS

Intro. Res. / P.M. : **1007**

Tuesday,  
DATE: April 5, 2016

**Motion:**

Krupski, Fleming, Browning, Muratore, Hahn, Anker  
Calarco, Lindsay, Martinez, Cilmi, Barraga, Kennedy  
Trotta, McCaffrey, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

**Co-Sponsors:**

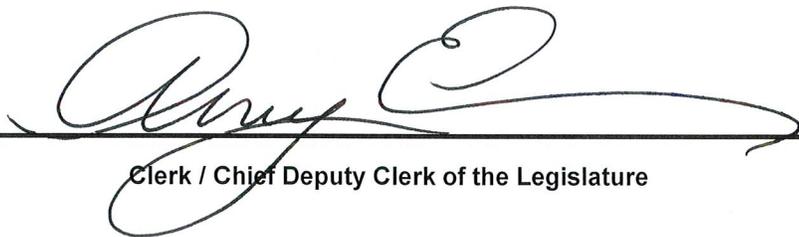
Krupski, Fleming, Browning, Muratore, Hahn, Anker  
Calarco, Lindsay, Martinez, Cilmi, Barraga, Kennedy  
Trotta, McCaffrey, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

**Second:**

Krupski, Fleming, Browning, Muratore, Hahn, Anker  
Calarco, Lindsay, Martinez, Cilmi, Barraga, Kennedy  
Trotta, McCaffrey, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
16	Steven H. STERN, Chair	/				
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9	Monica R. MARTINEZ				/	
11	Thomas BARRAGA	/				
12	Leslie KENNEDY	/				
17	Lou D'AMARO	/				
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MOTION
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Table PH
<input type="checkbox"/> Table Subject to Call
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdraw
<input type="checkbox"/> Discharge Without Recommendation
<input type="checkbox"/> To Reconsider
<input type="checkbox"/> Take Out of Order
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Session
APPROVED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAILED <input type="checkbox"/>
Roll Call <input type="checkbox"/> Voice Vote <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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# KIDS WHO SERVE

www.KidsWhoServe.us

## What is KIDS WHO SERVE?

Kids Who Serve is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to create awareness and educate school administrators, teachers, and staff about the unique circumstances that military children face when their parent is away from home for military duty, as well as upon their return home.

By creating awareness, school professionals will become more aware of the issues facing military children and be prepared to address those issues both proactively and as they arise.

## Who are the KIDS WHO SERVE?

Children of service men and service women are often a forgotten population, despite the fact that when a family member serves our country, children serve as well.

This population of military children is virtually unknown and unsupported by the very institutions in which they spend a large part of their days on Long Island. Kids Who Serve is a much needed program that is being developed specifically to address that need.



## Where are the KIDS WHO SERVE?

There is currently no formal tracking or identifying military children by the schools in New York State. Suffolk County is the NYS county with the largest military population, and NYS is the state with the 3rd largest military / veteran population. There are 347 schools in Suffolk County's 70 School Districts. It is expected that there are a significant amount of military children in our County's communities, making Suffolk County the optimum location to pilot Kids Who Serve. Kids Who Serve's goal is to have a significant presence in Suffolk County, continue throughout New York State, and throughout the Country to benefit all of the Kids Who Serve.

## What is THE KIDS WHO SERVE program?

The Kids Who Serve awareness program will be targeted to prepare school administrators, teachers, and staff to identify those military children, to recognize their often silent concerns and needs, and to address those situations. The Kids Who Serve program will offer strategies to best support military children. The training will be coupled with a resource guide, also called Kids Who Serve.

The program is currently under development by Melissa Pandolf (Ret. USAF/ANG) along with the guidance and assistance of certified teachers, a psychologist trained to work with military families, veterans, active military personnel, and of course, military children.

Research is currently underway to survey service men, service women, and school administrators to assist in the development of the Kids Who Serve awareness program and resource guide.

## How will KIDS WHO SERVE be promoted?

The Kids Who Serve program will be promoted at community events (street fairs, races, etc.), education events (PTA / PTO showcases, BOCES programming events, educator conferences, etc.), and presentations to government officials (from Boards of Education to County and State meetings). Transportation and staffing expenses, and purchasing materials and supplies for those promotions will require participant fees and/or fundraising and grants.

The Kids Who Serve program is on schedule to launch by the Summer of 2016, preparing teachers for the 2016 / 2017 school year and beyond. For additional information about Kids Who Serve, please contact Melissa Pandolf at (516) 641-0768 or email [Melissa@KidsWhoServe.us](mailto:Melissa@KidsWhoServe.us).