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## Leslie Kennedy Honors AMVETs Commander Harold Chapman



(Commander Richard Bazzanella, Legislator Leslie Kennedy, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Commander Harold Chapman, Assemblyman Al Graf, 1st Vice Commander Mike Dickson)

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – On Saturday, AMVETs Post 48 in Ronkonkoma celebrated the service of Harold Chapman who served as National Commander of AMVETs with a Barbeque and recognition ceremony, Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) along with other elected officials, took part in this celebration to honor Harold Chapman. AMVETs, which stands for American Veterans is an organization formed by World War II veterans and it is run and lead by volunteers.

The stated goal of the organization is to advocate for veterans and their families, AMVETS is the largest Veteran organization in the United States. Each year AMVETS presents the Silver Helmet Awards to a well deserving military veteran. The award is to "recognize excellence and achievement in Americanism, defense, rehabilitation, congressional service and other fields."

Harold Chapman served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. When he came back to the United States he became active in his local AMVETS Post in East Islip. He rose through the ranks of AMVETS to the level of Commander of Post 18 in East Islip, and eventually he became Commander of the national organization. During his service to the AMVETS he has worked tirelessly to ensure every American Veteran was included, remembered and assisted throughout, dedicating himself to veterans all over the nation.

"I am very thankful for Harold Chapman's sacrificial service to our Country, and his service rendered to our veterans since he has returned," said Legislator Kennedy. "Harold performed his duties as National Commander of AMVETS flawlessly."

For any questions about this event or other events feel free to contact Leslie Kennedy's office at (631) 854-3735, and do not hesitate to reach us online at [Leslie.kennedy@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:Leslie.kennedy@suffolkcountyny.gov) or [facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy](https://www.facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy).

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Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy represents the 12<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, encompassing Smithtown, Nesconset, Hauppauge, the Village of the Branch, Lake Grove, parts of Commack, Ronkonkoma, Lake Ronkonkoma and Centereach. Legislator Kennedy was born and raised on Long Island, is a former nurse and small business manager, and has dedicated her life towards the betterment of our community. She currently serves on the following Committees: Budget and Finance, Education and Human Services, Government Operations, Personnel, and Information Technology, Health, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Veterans