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# Legislator Browning Honors Veteran's Court Mentors



Pictured: Legislator Kate Browning, left, Legislator Tom Muratore, center, and Legislator Steve Stern, right, honor Veteran's Court mentors Frederick Calise, Frank Carle Jr., Francis D'Aversa, Donald Howe, Adam Jankowski, Thomas Mack, Ron Pacchiana, Clarence F. Simpson, David Sinclair, Ralph Zanchelli, Daniel J. Eagan & Grace Mehl.

**Hauppauge, NY** – Mentors of the Suffolk County Veteran's Court were honored by Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley), Legislator Tom Muratore, Legislator Steve Stern (D-Dix Hills) and their colleagues at the Tuesday, July 28 general meeting in Hauppauge. The Veterans Court is a specialized part of the Suffolk County District and County Criminal Courts. It provides a means to successfully help veterans by diverting them from the traditional criminal justice system.

The men and women in the United States military endure high costs from their service. The impacts can be immense and long-lasting. These may include alcohol and substance abuse, mental illness, homelessness, unemployment, and strained relationships. The Suffolk County Veteran's Court gives them the tools they need to

live a productive and law abiding life through treatment, rehabilitative programming, reinforcement and judicial and peer mentoring.

The men and women mentors were recognized not only for their service to our country, but for their volunteer work as mentors in the Veterans Court. They partner alongside participants in the program to listen, support, assist and get these men and women back on track to readjust to a productive civilian life. They become both friend and role model to these individuals, all on a volunteer basis.

“On behalf of the entire Suffolk County Legislature, we recognize and thank all of our Veteran’s Court mentors,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “These volunteers are veterans themselves, and understand the impacts of returning home after serving. They are committed to helping their fellow veterans, and I applaud the amazing work they are doing to keep our troubled veterans out of the criminal justice system so that they can be productive citizens here at home.”

The honorees include: Frederick Calise, Frank Carle Jr., Francis D’Aversa, Donald Howe, Adam Jankowski, Thomas Mack, Ron Pacchiana, Clarence F. Simpson, David Sinclair, Ralph Zanchelli, Daniel J. Eagan & Grace Mehl.

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