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Legislator Day Encourages Residents to Attend Armed Forces Dedication Ceremony

Recognition of West Nyack Post Office "Adopt a Platoon" program; Flag raising; and free concert part of the festivities

New City, NY (April 13th, 2010) – Legislator Ed Day, the Rockland County Legislative Deputy Minority Leader (New City-Haverstraw), is asking local residents to attend a special event being held in honor of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The festivities will commence at 10:00 AM with a Flag raising dedication ceremony on Saturday, April 24th, in front of the West Nyack Post Office, 720 West Nyack Road, West Nyack.

Legislator Day, a proud military family member whose eldest son Christopher is serving in Afghanistan as a 1st Lieutenant and Infantry platoon leader, said "This event gives a unique opportunity to both thank these brave individuals willing to make the ultimate sacrifice in our defense and also recognize those who have gone above and beyond in supporting our military heroes here on the homefront. In short, it will be a celebration of the indomitable spirit that defines this great country of ours".

The Flag that will be dedicated was brought home from Camp Blessing in Afghanistan by New City native Army 1st Lieutenant Gregory Sullivan. This will be the second U.S. Flag raised over the post office that has flown over a base in Afghanistan in recognition of the volunteer work done by the employees of the West Nyack Post Office as part of their "Adopt a Platoon" program.

Immediately thereafter, Legislator Day and Chairwoman of the Legislature Harriet Cornell will make a presentation formally proclaiming the day as "West Nyack Post Office Adopt a Platoon Day" in the County of Rockland. The proclamation will be accepted by West Nyack Postal Supervisor Derek McLoughlin on behalf of these post office volunteers in recognition of their dedication that in only two years has resulted in over 40 tons of supplies being sent out, reaching 1600 soldiers serving in combat.

Lastly, and starting at 10:30 AM, the Town of Clarkstown will be sponsoring a free "Support Our Troops" concert directly across the street at the West Nyack Hamlet Green. The concert features the band "Tweedlers", should run until noon, and Supervisor Alexander Gromack is expected to be on hand at that event.

Legislator Day concluded by saying "This day will be an opportunity for our community to celebrate the commitment of true heroes – the men and women of our Armed Forces – and to take a moment to express gratitude to these wonderful young people who have placed themselves in harm's way to defend our liberty and way of life."

A local U.S. Army Color Guard; members of the Nam Knights of America; veterans; active members of the Armed Forces; postal officials; and a number of local military families are expected to attend the dedication. Those who wish to assist in the "Adopt a Platoon" effort can contact Mr. McLoughlin at the West Nyack Post Office, (845) 358-2791.

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