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PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY ATTENDS CPL KYLE CARPENTER COMMISSIONING CEREMONY



Amityville, NY –Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory attended a special commissioning ceremony of the United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps in Farmingdale on February 1.

The commissioning ceremony commemorated the renaming of the United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps Liberty (AGTR-5) to the CPL Kyle Carpenter Division, in honor of United States Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipient CPL Kyle Carpenter. Presiding Officer Gregory joined with CPL Carpenter, military personnel and local leaders to celebrate at the Navy Operational Support Center in Farmingdale.

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CPL William Kyle Carpenter, an automatic rifleman who shielded a fellow Marine from a grenade thrown at them during a firefight in Afghanistan in 2010, received the Medal of Honor from President Obama in June 2014.

“It is an honor and a privilege meeting CPL Carpenter and attending the renaming of the Sea Cadets Corps in his honor,” said Babylon Town Councilwoman Jacqueline A. Gordon. “It was important to have the cadets meet someone who has displayed the level of bravery that he has.”

“On behalf of the residents of Suffolk County, I am extremely honored to celebrate today with CPL Carpenter and to have the opportunity to thank him for his service to our great nation,” said Presiding Officer Gregory.

Presiding Officer Gregory is pictured with Babylon Town Councilwoman Jacqueline A. Gordon, Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency Director Thomas Ronayne and CPL Kyle Carpenter.

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