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Legislator Sarah Anker Recognizes Operation Veronica



Operation Veronica founder Janet Godfrey and organization volunteers join Legislator Anker.

Hauppauge, NY – At the General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature, Legislator Sarah Anker presented a proclamation to Operation Veronica volunteers for their tireless efforts in supporting the brave men and women who serve our country.

Founded in 2005, Operation Veronica began with a small group of volunteers who wished to show their support for the servicemen and women serving overseas. To date, the organization has shipped more than 26,000 handmade items including neck coolers that are used to keep soldiers cool in the 115 degree heat, and neck gators to provide warmth in winter. The group gathers at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Rocky Point to sew, pack and ship items to the soldiers.

“Operation Veronica is a truly exceptional organization that deserves be honored for their avid volunteerism,” said Legislator Anker. “They are a caring group of people who give of their time and talents to comfort the troops serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Djibouti, Africa.”

Operation Veronica has expanded their efforts to include Operation Backpack providing backpacks and school supplies to the children of Afghanistan.