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Legislator D'Amaro Joins the Deer Park Community At the Edward K. Peisker VFW Post's 65th Anniversary Celebration



*Legislator Lou D'Amaro, pictured right, presents a Proclamation to Edward K. Peisker V.F.W. Post #5348
Commander Danny Rathusky on the occasion of the Post's 65th Anniversary.*

(Deer Park, NY... January 25, 2011) – Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-North Babylon) recently joined with a number of well-wishers from the Deer Park community to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the Edward K. Peisker V.F.W. Post #5348. Legislator D'Amaro marked the occasion with a special Proclamation that he presented to Peisker Post Commander Danny Rathusky during an anniversary Dinner Dance at the Post's Long Island Avenue location.

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Established in January 1946 following the passage of its organizational charter, the Post has been based at 588 Long Island Avenue (formerly Beck's Tavern) since its inception. The Post is named for Edward K. Peisker who actually put his home up as collateral to help acquire the property. Each branch of the United States Armed Forces has been represented by the Peisker Post members who have served the community and the United States in all of our nation's conflicts from the Spanish-American War to Operation Desert Storm.

The Peisker Post's membership has been actively involved in many veterans' and community events during the past six and a half decades. It has continually organized and led the annual Deer Park Memorial Day Parade which culminates at the site on Deer Park Avenue where the Post erected a large stone monument honoring their deceased comrades. Members also organize the annual Buddy Poppy Drive, raising money for needy veterans in the community, and participate in Veterans' Outreach Food Drives and the United States Marine Corp's Toys for Tots program.

Through the generous efforts of its numerous volunteer members, the Post has served as focal point for not only the VFW, but for the entire Deer Park community. The facility was home to many of the early Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department Installation Dinners and has also hosted religious services for Ss. Cyril & Methodius Roman Catholic Church, local Boy Scout meetings, Little League registrations and various award dinners.

"For 65 years, the Edward K. Peisker V.F.W. Post has been the anchor of Deer Park," said Legislator D'Amaro. "The Post's members have served our country and community with pride, and I am honored to celebrate this momentous occasion with our hometown heroes."

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