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Legislator Tom Muratore (right) with Ellyn Okvist of the Lake Ronkonkoma Heritage Association

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Legislator Tom Muratore Attends Third Annual Lake Ronkonkoma Cemetery Walk to Honor Veterans

Selden, NY —Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore recently joined other local elected officials at the Lake Ronkonkoma Heritage Association's Third Annual Ceremony and Cemetery Walk to honor fallen heroes. The Lake Ronkonkoma Cemetery, located on Hawkins Avenue in Lake Grove, is the final resting place for over 125 Veterans from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam Conflict, four women from the Lake Ronkonkoma Equal Rights Suffrage Club of 1912, three clergy, one victim of 9-11, one law enforcement officer, and over 50 Ronkonkoma Fire Department members.

To bestow honors on all departed residents of Lake Ronkonkoma who fall into the aforementioned categories, the Heritage Association arranged for "Military Funeral Honors." Ellyn Okvist, President of the Lake Ronkonkoma Heritage Association organized the event, which included a 21 gun-salute and "soldiers" dressed in period costumes.

"I am grateful for Ellyn's dedication to the Lake Ronkonkoma community. She has worked diligently to preserve the history here, and to make sure our local heroes are never forgotten," stated Legislator Muratore. "Ms. Okvist is even responsible for coordinating the cemetery's clean-up efforts, essentially bringing the cemetery 'back to life.' Thank you to the Lake Ronkonkoma Heritage Association for arranging this event."