

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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## VFW Post 395 of St. James Thanks Uncle Giuseppe's of Smithtown



*Picture at Uncle Giuseppe's are from left: Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta, Carlo Franzese, store manager, Mike Cianciotto, Poppy Chairman and WWII US Army Air Corps, Sgt. Leonard Pecora, Sgt. Dominick Ercolano, Lee Dike, VFW Post 395 Adjutant, and Tom Chura, WWII US Navy, and in the rear John Steel, Korean War veteran, and James Megna.*

(Smithtown, NY)... Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta joined members of the Sgt. John Cooke VFW Post 395 St. James in presenting an award banner and a certificate of appreciation to Uncle Giuseppe's Market Place in Smithtown for letting the veterans conduct their "Buddy Poppy" drives throughout the year at the store.

The first Buddy Poppy Drive was held in 1922 and the poppy was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign War. The poppies are assembled by veterans in VA hospitals and sold to the VFW units to sell nationwide. The money raised goes back to the veterans who assembled them.

"I commend the members of the VFW Post for selling the poppies and helping their fellow veterans and the management of Uncle Giuseppe's for supporting this program," said Suffolk County Legislator Trotta.

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*Legislator Robert Trotta represents the 13th Legislative District, which includes Smithtown, Fort Salonga, Kings Park, San Remo, Nissequogue, Head of the Harbor, and St. James, as well as most of East Northport and parts of Northport and Commack. Legislator Trotta serves on the Legislature's Budget & Finance, Education & Information Technology, Health and the Humans Services Committees.*

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