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**LESLIE KENNEDY KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT FLAG DAY CEREMONY**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – Eugene Auer Memorial School hosted a ceremony in honor of Flag Day Friday morning for its students and the community. Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) had the pleasure of delivering a speech to the students of the elementary school about our nation's greatest symbol: the American Flag. The students who ranged in age from 5 years old to 10 also gave speeches on what the American flag meant to them.

Along with the children of the elementary school, Leslie also met with the Catholic War Veterans from the VFW Post 4927, whose service to this country gives meaning to the Stars and Stripes. "Throughout the various wars of this nation many men have paid the ultimate price, and it was an honor to meet with these Catholic War Veterans, who are proud of their service and proud of the Red, White, and Blue"



(Leslie Kennedy with the Catholic War Veterans of VFW Post 4927)

Legislator Kennedy gave the students a short history lesson about the Flag and what it means to our nation and our people. Starting with Betsy Ross and progressing all the way to the 50<sup>th</sup> star placed on the flag; the speech even included Charles Thompson's prescribed meaning for the colors of our flag; the white being for purity, the red for hardiness, and the blue for vigilance. "Next time you see an American Flag I want you to think about everything it symbolizes, and the sacrifices men and women have made in the past and make every day to make this nation great." Leslie told the students at the conclusion of her speech.



(Leslie delivering her keynote address to Eugene Auer Memorial School and the community)

Afterwards Leslie quizzed the students on their extensive knowledge of the Flag and its history. "I was very impressed with the student's knowledge, their teachers are doing a great job educating them about our national heritage; I wasn't able to stump them at all."

For more information regarding this event or future community events, please feel free to contact our office at (631) 854-3735 or at [leslie.kennedy@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:leslie.kennedy@suffolkcountyny.gov).

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