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**LESLIE KENNEDY HONORS LOCAL VETERANS**



(Legislator Leslie Kennedy speaking before the audience, Comptroller John M. Kennedy, Jr. located beside her)

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) was honored and proud to attend the first annual Veterans Day Ceremony hosted by the Holiday Inn Express in Stony Brook.

The Veterans Day Ceremony, also co-sponsored by Gold Coast Bank, was held to honor veterans of all branches of the military, and all wars as well as honor those that help veterans. Honorees include Daniel Murphy, father of Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Michael P. Murphy as well as Deputy Executive Director Jonathan Spier of the Long Island State Veterans Home whose organization helps take care of Veterans. Legislator Kennedy was given the honor of presenting Bruce and Tanya Knapp of Smithtown with a plaque and proclamation for their service to their country.

Bruce and Tanya, both served in the United States Navy and met while stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for two years. Bruce and Tanya are both extremely active in the local community with Bruce being a member of the Board of Directors for the PAL League and Tanya teaching catechism at their local church, Sts. Philip & James, in St. James.



(Legislator and Comptroller Kennedy with Honorees Tanya and Bruce Knapp)

"I was so honored to have been not only invited but given the opportunity to thank all the honorees as well as other veterans present for their hard work, dedication, and duty to country." Legislator Kennedy said "It is essential that we as good citizens make sure to honor the sacrifices made by all our veterans, living and those who have passed, are never forgotten."

For information on other community events feel free to contact Legislator Kennedy's office directly at (631)-854-3735 or contact us on Facebook at [facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy](https://www.facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy).

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