

EDITORIAL

VETERAN'S DAY

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 The Great War, now known as World War I ended with the silencing of the guns and hostilities between Imperial Germany and the Allied Nations.

In November 1919 then U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that November 11 should be known as Armistice Day stating "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations. . ."

Regretfully World War I did not prove to be "the war to end all wars" and following World War II and the Korean War Congress amended the legislation which created the official federal holiday of remembrance by inserting the word "Veterans" in place of "Armistice" to honor veterans of all wars.

In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower in a presidential proclamation in recognition of the sacrifice of millions of veterans, both living and dead, fixed November 11 as the day that all Americans could "solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought to valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain." God bless our young men and women who are presently in harms way. We pray for their safe return.

The Publisher

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TO THE EDITOR:

I am so honored and proud to have been re-elected to serve as Nassau County Legislator of the 11th District for another two-year term. But I am just as proud to have won largely through the support and assistance of so many individuals and organizations.

Thank you to all of the individuals, families and other groups that gave their precious time in support of my campaign, including those who distributed signage throughout my district. And, thanks to all of the organizations that formally endorsed my candidacy: 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East; CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO; The Island Now/Blank Slate Media; Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO; Nassau County Detectives' Association; Nassau County Police Benevolent Association; Nassau County Sheriff's Correction Officers' Benevolent Association; Newsday; New York League of Conservation Voters; Steamfitters Local Union 638; Superior Officers Association, Nassau County Police Department; Working Families Party; and, Women's Equality Party.

Please rest assured that I plan to continue to fight for fiscal responsibility and transparency, children, veterans and seniors, our environment and everything else I can to ensure our quality of life and tax dollars are protected.

As always, please contact me if there are any issues you would like to discuss. I can be reached by phone at 516-571-6211 or email at dderiggiwhitton@nassaucountyny.gov.

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