

## SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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### HOME RUN FOR VETERANS AT LONG ISLAND DUCKS STADIUM

*Legislator Steve Stern and County Executive Steve Bellone announce partnership with Long Island Ducks to honor veterans with 'Heroes of the Night' initiative*



*Pictured: Legislator Steve Stern, County Executive Steve Bellone, LI Ducks Mascot QuackerJack, Andrew Kaplan, Executive Vice President of Retail Products and Services, New York Community Bank, Michael Pfaff, President and General Manager LI Ducks, Frank Boulton, Founder and CEO of the LI Ducks and local veterans.*

**HUNTINGTON, NY** – Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington, 16<sup>th</sup> L.D), Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, and County Executive Steve Bellone, announced a new partnership between Suffolk County and the Long Island Ducks Tuesday, April 7, to publicly recognize our local veterans and active duty service men and women at every home game during the 2015 season.

Through the support of New York Community Bank and the QuackerJack Foundation, the “Heroes of the Night” initiative will honor two local veterans at every home game to pay homage to their brave and selfless acts in lending their service to our great nation.

Suffolk County is home to the largest veteran population in all of New York State. “In addition to providing many services and assistance to those who have served all of us, this partnership illustrates our immense gratitude to our veterans for their sacrifices,” Legislator Stern said.

Each recognized hero will receive 10 complimentary tickets to the game in which they will be honored, so that their friends and family may celebrate with them. All Heroes of the Night ticket holders will also receive access to The Duck Club, the Long Island Duck’s elite restaurant and bar, reserved for season ticket and luxury suite holders, located on the club level directly behind home plate.

“The partnership between Suffolk County and the Long Island Ducks to honor our veterans is a home run,” Legislator Steve Stern said. “Our veterans are not only the Heroes of the Night, they are our heroes every day and it is an honor for all of us to say thank you in such a meaningful way.”

“We must do all we can to thank, honor and serve our veterans,” said County Executive Bellone. “Heroes of the Night presents an awesome opportunity to highlight our Suffolk County veterans during one of America’s favorite pastimes.”

“We are proud to honor those who have fought and continue to fight, to protect our freedom every day,” Ducks President/GM Michael Pfaff said. “Thanks to the NYCB and Suffolk County, we will be able to create a special memory for the friends and families of each hero we recognize, as well as for each and every Ducks fan at the ballpark.”

Veterans and active duty personnel can register to be recognized as one of the Heroes of the Night by calling (631) 853-5020 or via email at [sheroesofthenight2015@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:sheroesofthenight2015@suffolkcountyny.gov)