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DA McMahon Holds 1st Annual Flag Day Ceremony at Gerard Carter Center

Staten Island, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today held the 1st Annual Flag Day Celebration at the Gerard Carter Community Center on Staten Island. The event honored the flag and paid tribute to local veterans through inspirational videos and stories of strength and resilience. DA McMahon also thanked Friends of the Battle of the Bulge for donating the American Flag to the Carter Center as well as Members of Rolling Thunder New York Chapter 2 for their donation of the POW MIA Flag to the Center.

The event featured a Presentation of Colors by Port Richmond High School, Army JROTC and the Pledge of Allegiance led by P.S. 78 students. Speakers include by District Attorney Michael E. McMahon, Chief Assistant DA/former Army Lieutenant Colonel Paul Capofari, Assistant District Attorney Daniel Lewis, and Colonel Paul Dietrich, VFW Blazing Star Quartermaster.

District Attorney Michael E. McMahon said, “As we honor the flag and pay tribute to the many sacrifices made by our brave veterans, let us also reaffirm our commitment to ensuring we do all we can for Staten Island’s vets and their families. One of my promises was to open a Veterans Court which includes a mentor program for veterans involved in the criminal justice system who commit minor offenses. Three years after its opening, this Court has helped Staten Island veterans address issues like addiction, PTSD, unemployment, and other quality of life problems that led to their criminal behavior. The Court also recognizes that veterans are uniquely suited to help their fellow veterans, and the mentors are the key to its success.

I am immensely proud of our Veterans Court and all it has done to make a positive difference in the lives of veterans – we will continue to work to help our vets and thank them every day for their service to our country.”