



Week of October 29, 2018

## From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

On Saturday, November 11, our nation and our village will pause to honor the many veterans who have fought to preserve our freedom. With many of our brave men and women currently defending our freedom in the ongoing war against terrorism and in so many places throughout the world, Veterans Day has an increasingly significant meaning with each passing year.

I believe it is extremely important that the magnitude of the efforts put forth by our nation's soldiers not be overlooked. Veterans Day is more than just a day for special sales at the stores. It is a day when time should be set aside to salute the brave men and women who have fought, or are still fighting for the preservation of our safety and freedom, including so many who have given their lives throughout our history. If not for their devotion to the red white and blue, we would not be able to enjoy the liberty and independence that we hold so precious in our lives today.

Here in Hempstead Village we will celebrate our veterans during our sixth annual luncheon on Thursday, November, 15. This free event is for current or former service men and women only and will be held from 12-2 p.m. at Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich Street). The festivities will feature a special performance by The American Bombshells, a modern day twist on the Andrews Sisters, who serve as Ambassadors of America's Gratitude, with an All-American show that dazzles in three part harmony. For those service men and women interested in joining us as we honor our veterans for their service to our nation please RSVP in advance by calling 516-478-6286.

I am proud to be the Mayor of a village that has so many dedicated soldiers who have served, or continue to serve our country with the utmost pride and dignity. Veterans Day is for you!

We also need to remember that when we salute our veterans, we are recognizing all those who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces. Many of these individuals have participated in armed conflicts; others have worked behind the scenes or performed peacetime missions. Each one, in their own way, plays a vital role in the defense of our nation and they all deserve our thanks and appreciation.

Whether or not you know a veteran or are one yourself, take the opportunity this year on Veterans Day to honor the courage of our heroes. Let us learn and draw inspiration from their continued courage. They serve gallantly so that we may pursue our goal of world peace.

## This Week's Best of Hempstead



Reginald Terry is the recipient of this week's Best of Hempstead honors. Born and raised in Hempstead Village, Reggie spent most of his formative years playing sports where he excelled in football, basketball and lacrosse while also hitting the books, consistently reaching the honor roll as a student in Hempstead's school system. After graduating from Hempstead High School in 1989, Reggie attended Syracuse University and in 1983 he earned degrees in both history and education along with being named a two-time Big East Conference Academic All-Star and scholarship recipient. From 1989-1993, Reggie also played linebacker for the Syracuse Orange football team and was part of the university's bowl game victories in the 1993 Fiesta Bowl, 1992 Hall of Fame Bowl, 1990 Aloha Bowl and 1989 Peach Bowl. Reggie received his Master's degree in education 1994, his Certificate of Advanced Study in education in 1999 and is currently working on his PhD in higher education at Syracuse.

For the past six years, Reggie has been the Assistant Athletics Director for Football Operations and Player Personnel at Boston College. Reggie landed this prestigious position after serving five years as the Director of Football Administration for the Arizona Cardinals. A highlight of that job included team planning and operations for Arizona's trip to Super Bowl XLIII. Prior to joining the Cardinals, Reggie spent 14 seasons at Syracuse University, serving the last seven years as Associate Athletic Director for Football Operations after working his way up as a staff member of the school's football program.

As someone who has known Reggie for many years it has been incredibly gratifying to witness his ongoing climb up the ladder of success. Reggie you continue to make us proud and it gives me great joy to recognize you as one of Hempstead's best. Congratulations.

Sincerely,

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Don Ryan  
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead