



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

## Addabbo's Annual BBQ Thanks Over 100 Veterans

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO JR. September 12, 2023



The veterans stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Queens, NY (September 9, 2023) Over 100 veterans and their families and friends filled the Howard Beach Motor Boat Club on Saturday, September 9th for Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.'s 14th Annual Veterans BBQ.

It was an afternoon filled with delicious food donated by the generous businesses in the area. There was fun and entertainment provided by LauraLee & Rich D'Auria, youth singers from Sunshine Studios, comedy by Rockn Randy, bagpipe playing by Peter McMahon, and

trumpet playing by U.S. Army veteran John Christ. Nick the Balloonatic provided the balloon centerpieces for decorating the tables and Fr. Dominick LaPorte from Our Lady of Grace gave the blessing.

“As I like to say, every day is Veterans Day, and we should never hold back our respect and thanks to our nation’s veterans to only a few days a year,” Addabbo said. “That is why my staff and I hold this event each year, to say ‘thank you’ to our local veterans and their families for their sacrifice defending our nation and our freedoms. It is the least we can do in their honor.”

Senator Addabbo would like to thank: All-American Bagel & Barista II, Bruno Ristorante, C & C Italian Deli, The Cottage, Carlo’s Pizzeria, Rosa’s Pizza, Cross Bay Diner, Danny’s Szechuan Garden, DiVino Pizzeria, Gino’s Pizzeria, La Villa Pizzeria, Lenny’s Clam Bar, McDonald’s (Cross Bay Boulevard) Neir’s Tavern, New Park Pizza, Russo’s on the Bay, Sal’s Pizzeria (Woodhaven), and Sugar Bun Bakery & Café for donating the food for the event.

Senator Addabbo would also like to give a big thanks to LauraLee and Richie for obtaining raffle prizes from A&B Discount (Dollar Store) and Sammy Lee Creations who generously provided the door prizes won by the veterans at the event.

“An event of this size could not be done alone, and I have a lot of people to thank for helping make this year’s BBQ another huge success for our veterans,” Addabbo said. “Besides the great local businesses who pitched in to give the veterans a great afternoon, I want to thank the Howard Beach Motor Boat Club for having us again, Pat Connelly, and of course my staff for getting everything together before the event and for making sure everything ran smoothly for the veterans. Thank you all, and I look forward to another great event next year!”

Video highlights from the Veterans BBQ can be viewed on Senator Addabbo's YouTube Channel at the link below:

[https://youtu.be/QdBmwZgCp4A?si=v31J8E8OspNm\\_3fg](https://youtu.be/QdBmwZgCp4A?si=v31J8E8OspNm_3fg)