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## Senator Carlucci Commemorates the 66th Anniversary of Iwo Jima

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**Senator Carlucci Honors Those Who**

**Fought So Bravely at Iwo Jima**

*Remembering D-Day February 19, 1945*

(Pomona, NY) Today, Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland) joined World War II veterans, their families, and members of the Rockland County Chapter of the United States Marine Corps to honor those who participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima during a ceremony commemorating

its 66th anniversary at the Pratzl Brau Haus in Pomona.

“Today was a somber day to remember and commemorate the valiant actions of those whose courageous deeds have had such a profound impact on our nation,” Senator Carlucci said.

“No other battle is as strongly associated with the United States Marines as is Iwo Jima. It was my honor today to be among the veterans who so steadfastly, and honorably served our nation in what is widely known as one of the most distinguished battles of World War II.”

During the battle more than 20,000 Japanese soldiers defended their positions as thousands of dedicated Marines continued their assault, ultimately declaring the island secure on March 16, 1945.

When the fierce battle was over, 4,189 Marines were killed and 19,938 wounded.

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