

## Letter to the Editor: Thanks to All Who Made My 3rd Annual Veterans' Barbeque Last Saturday a Success

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO JR August 22, 2011

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Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity within your publication that reaches a large Queens readership to publicly thank the following merchants who have consistently donated to my annual Veterans' BBQ: Brothers Deli, Carvel Ice Cream, Old Howard Dairy, Ragtime Deli, Russo's on the Bay, Sal's Meat Market, and Sugar Bun Bakery. For the past three years, all these Howard Beach vendors have generously donated the food, drinks, ice and condiments.

Over 100 Queens veterans and their families who attended last Saturday's (August 20) free event in front of my district office would also want me to thank all of you for the hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, ice cream and soda served at one of the last outdoor events I sponsor each summer.

Kudos to Mr. Pat Connolly and VFW Post 2565 for once again so graciously hosting the veterans and their families at their post. Special thanks are in order to Mike Sarter, who manned the grill all afternoon, and to Rock'n' Randy and Johnny Christ for the live entertainment.

Once again, I want to thank everyone, including my staff and the local volunteers who helped serve the crowd during my 3<sup>rd</sup> annual BBQ. You made the event an unforgettable, wonderful day to honor Queens veterans -- our way to thank them for their service.

Sincerely,

Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.