



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Malcolm Smith

Senator Smith Urges all New Yorkers to Pay Homage to Our Servicemen and Women This Veterans Day

MALCOLM A. SMITH November 11, 2011

(Queens, NY)- In recognition of Veterans Day, Senator Malcolm A. Smith (D-St. Albans) is encouraging all Americans to extend a hand to our brave servicemen and women for their heroic service.

“Members of our Armed Forces have made brave sacrifices in the name of our nation’s freedom and for that they should be recognized not only today, but 365 days of the year,” Senator Smith said.”

This past legislative session, the New York State Senate passed several measures supporting the current and retired members of the Military.

Some bills in this package passed for our veterans included:

- S193: A lifetime sportsman license for honorably discharged, disabled veterans;
- S824: Development of a permit system to provide disabled veterans access to certain restricted bodies of water through the use of float planes;
- S2497: The creation of a list of documents suitable for veterans applying for real property tax exemptions;

- S3222: An additional veteran real property owner tax exemption.

“Servicemen and women risk their lives to protect our nation and as elected officials we have a responsibility to ensure veterans and their families receive the support and protections they deserve,” Senator Smith continued. “I urge all New Yorkers to take the time to thank our brave servicemen and women this Veterans Day, for without them our basic civil liberties would be in jeopardy.”

To learn ways to help your local and national hero’s visit, <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>

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