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Senator Murphy and Astorino thank veterans for bringing home the bacon

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Mt. Pleasant, NY - Having sponsored legislation to recognize the Vietnam Veterans of America as a benevolent order in New York State and provided \$185,000 in funding for Westchester's Peer-to-Peer program, Senator Terence Murphy continued to show his respect and admiration for our veterans by sponsoring his third annual Veterans' Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 28. The breakfast, held at the Mt. Pleasant Community Center, was co-sponsored by the Town of Mt. Pleasant and the Thornwood Lions.

"Our veterans helped make America a safe. I thank you for allowing me represent you.

The door to my office is always open for veterans," said Senator Murphy. "We owe the brave veterans in our armed forces a debt we may never be able to repay. The annual breakfast for veterans is one of our most anticipated and appreciated events. It is a pleasure to bring people together to say thank you to our veterans for a job well done."

Carl Fulgenzi, Mt. Pleasant Town Supervisor said, "This breakfast has become a welcome tradition in Mount Pleasant that we all look forward to every year. Many of our servicemen and women have faced the unimaginable horrors of war first hand, then came home and became model citizens and vital members of the community. It is a special honor for me as the son of a highly decorated WWII hero to be able host this breakfast along with the Senator, the Thornwood Lions Club and the support of

our recreation department staff, as a small token of our appreciation for the tremendous sacrifices they have made for us."

Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino, a local resident, was on hand to greeting his friends and neighbors. Mt. Pleasant Board Members Laurie Rogers Smalley, Nicholas DiPaolo and Town Clerk Patricia Scova also welcomed the crowd.

One most recognizable guests was Armando "Chick" Galella of Sleepy Hollow, a World War II veteran who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, and drove in a 1955 Corvette with Gov. Andrew Cuomo across the new Tappan Zee/Governor Mario Cuomo Bridge when it opened in August. Galella had some life-experience advice for the students: "Stand up and look people in the eye. Be a leader, not a follower. Anyone can be a follower."