



SENATOR JIM ALESI

Community Update: Week Ending 4/16/10



OPERATION SAFE STOP – HELPING BUS DRIVERS SAVE CHILDREN'S LIVES

Everyday, 50,000 school buses in New York State are passed while bus drivers are stopped loading or unloading children. To remind motorists of the serious dangers – and legal ramifications – of passing a stopped school bus, on Thursday, April 15th, I was pleased to partner with area school bus drivers and law enforcement personnel to raise awareness for Operation Safe Stop.

Last year, 97 police agencies, with 862 officers, in New York State participated in Operation Safe Stop, issuing 1,697 traffic citations for vehicles passing stopped school buses. I strongly encourage all motorists to be mindful of stopped school buses – protect our children and obey the law!

HONOR ROLL – APRIL 16, 2010

Isador Bragger, Rochester, Conspicuous Service Cross; Robert J. Bryant, Rochester, Conspicuous Service Star and Medal for Merit; Michael J. Dorn, Naples, Conspicuous Service Star and Medal for Merit; Joseph Gold, Rochester, Medal for Merit; William G. Jameson, Pittsford, Medal for Merit; Richard S. Maas, Rochester, Conspicuous Service Star and Medal for Merit with two silver devices; Donald J. Makely, Rochester, Conspicuous Service Cross; John W. Miller, Rochester, Conspicuous Service Star and Medal for Merit with four silver devices; Alfred J. Mustardo, Pittsford, Medal for Merit with one silver device; William Ribble, Penfield, Medal for Merit with one silver device; Sam Sanza (posthumously), West Henrietta, Medal for Merit with one silver device; David J. States, Pittsford, Medal for Merit; Richard Woodring, Victor, Medal for Merit; Edwin Zykow, Rochester, Medal for Merit with two silver devices.

LOCAL WAR HEROES RECEIVE NEW YORK'S HIGHEST MILITARY HONORS



Today I was joined by Assemblyman Joe Errigo to present fourteen local war veterans with military awards sanctioned by the State of New York. At the ceremony, held at the Pittsford Community Library in front of dozens of family members and friends, the awards presented included the Conspicuous Service Cross – New York's highest military honor – the Conspicuous Service Star, and the Medal for Merit.

I am always humbled to be in the presence of brave veterans that selflessly served our country in order to protect the freedoms that we as a nation enjoy today. It is important that citizens, young and old, understand the significance of what these men have done. By presenting these medals, on behalf of the residents of the 55th Senate district, I recognize the valor and patriotism of these men, and honor their contributions and service to our country.

Since first elected as a state legislator, I have championed many veteran causes – securing state funding for area American Legion and VFW posts; renaming a portion of Macedon Center Road as the "POW-MIA Memorial Highway," and a portion of State Route 441 as the "Korean War Memorial Highway;" and dedicating the WWII Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and the Korean War Memorial.

For more information about New York State's military awards, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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