



News from Democratic NYS Senator Eric Adams

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NYS SENATOR ERIC ADAMS JOINS NY JETS SPECIAL TEAMS COACH AND FORMER COAST GUARD MEMBER KEVIN O'DEA ON FLAG DAY TO HIGHLIGHT THE "WHAT'S NEXT" PROGRAM AND OTHER INITIATIVES THAT MAKE THE HOMECOMING ADJUSTMENT EASIER FOR OUR NATION'S BRAVE FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN.

Senator Adams, Chair of the NYS Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs, salutes our military veterans. He is joined by Coca-Cola Enterprises, Time Warner Cable, and NY Jets Special Teams Coach and former Coast Guard member Kevin O'Dea in highlighting programs designed to ease the return of veterans to their homes. Of special note is the Division of Veterans' Affairs' "What's Next" Program. Senator Adams will also be joined by dozens of veterans representing many veterans' organizations throughout New York State. Senator Adams has worked closely with several corporations to promote the hiring of veterans. Coca-Cola Enterprises and Time-Warner are employers who will participate in the press conference to show their support for this initiative.

Senator Adams' statement: *"As a nation, we would expect our men and women in uniform to have the best support, training, and assistance as they protect us here by defending liberty overseas. We must offer them no less when their service 'in-country' ends and they return home to us, sometimes injured, often stressed, but always changed. As their duty concludes, so must ours begin. Vocational training, tuition assistance, and tax benefits are but a fraction of the gratitude these heroes deserve. Through health care, we must treat any aches from the battlefield, whether seen or unseen, and improve the lives of the men and women who risked their future for ours.*

"Governmental initiatives, such as those of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs, as well as the work of private corporations like Coca-Cola Enterprises and Time Warner, all serve to make the future brighter for those who sacrificed so very much. The "What's Next" program is a NYS Veterans' Affairs initiative that informs veterans of all services available to them and assists them with post-service medical care. Initiatives like these will help keep this nation safe by assuring that we take care of our veterans after their service concludes."

Date/Time: Sunday, June 14, 2009 – Flag Day - 12:00Noon

Place: NYS Div. of Military and Naval Affairs - Lexington Avenue Armory - **DUFFY ROOM**
68 Lexington Avenue (betw. E.25th St. and E. 26th St.) - NY, NY 10010

Presiding: NYS Senator Eric Adams
NY Jets Coach and former Coast Guard member Kevin O'Dea
Toney Anaya, VP, Public Affairs and Communications, Coca-Cola Enterprises
Rory Whelan, Regional VP, Time Warner Cable
Representative from NYS for Veterans
Representatives from CUNY Veterans
Other veterans organizations

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