



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

## Support Our Armed Forces This Veterans Day; Senator Parker Urges Brooklyn to Thank Our Servicemen and Women

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**(Brooklyn, NY)** In recognition of Veterans Day this Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, State Senator Kevin Parker (D-21), is encouraging everyone in Central Brooklyn, the State of New York and throughout the country, to extend a hand to our brave servicemen and women for their heroic service.

“Our veterans and active military personnel have made brave sacrifices in the name of our nation’s freedom,” Senator Parker said. “Veterans Day is not the only day of the year that these courageous men and women of the Armed Forces should be recognized, we should recognize them every day.”

This past legislative session, Parker sponsored Senate Bill No. 1469 to ensure the cremains (the remains of a cremated body) of Veterans are properly and respectfully disposed of if not claimed, allowing for proper acknowledgement of those who have served our nation. This legislation passed the Senate and is awaiting passage by the Assembly.

The New York State Senate also passed several measures supporting the current and retired members of our Armed Forces.

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 vets applying for real property tax exemptions;
- S3222: An additional veteran real property owner tax exemption

“The members of our Armed Forces risk their lives to protect our nation and as elected officials we have a duty to ensure veterans and their families receive the support and protections they deserve,” Senator Parker 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 every day.”

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

**Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse community that consists of 311,000 constituents in Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington and Borough Park. He is the Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, former Majority Whip and First Vice Chair for the Association of Black, Puerto Rican Asian Legislators.**

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