



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

## Addabbo Hosts Annual Veterans BBQ

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO JR. August 22, 2016



Howard Beach, NY (August 22, 2016) This past Saturday, Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs, hosted his annual Veterans BBQ to celebrate our local veterans and their service to our country.

Since he was first elected to the Senate, Addabbo has hosted the yearly event as a way to honor the military members and thank them for their service. This year's event, held at the Howard Beach Motor Club, welcomed nearly 200 veterans who enjoyed music, drinks and

food donated by more than a dozen local businesses and organizations.

“Veterans Day is every day of the year,” said Addabbo. “Even though we have a few days throughout the year specifically aimed at remembering the courage and sacrifices of veterans, I have always felt it is important to make them feel appreciated every single day. These men and women put their lives on the line to protect our freedom and our way of life, while making countless other sacrifices along the way. If there is something we can do, no matter how small, to show them we are grateful, we should do it. I am proud to host this event every year to make sure all veterans know they will forever be respected as the heroes that they are, no matter how much time goes by. I thank all those who gave their time and effort to support this year’s BBQ, including the Howard Beach Motor Club and Pat Connolly of VFW Post 2565 for their help in carrying out yet another successful event. I look forward to continuing this tradition and doing my part to ensure our veterans get the recognition they deserve.”

The Senator also extended a special thanks to all the local businesses that generously donated food and other supplies, including Aldo’s Pizzeria, Brothers Ravioli, Bruno’s Ristorante, Cross Bay Diner, C&C Deli, Enzo’s Pizza, Gino’s Pizzeria, La Villa Pizzeria, Lenny’s Clam Bar, Lenny’s Pizza, Ragtime Dairy, Russo’s on the Bay, Saffron, Sugar Bun Bake Shop and Hana Asian Bistro.