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## Ralph Esposito

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Ralph Esposito of Floral Park Crest exemplifies what it means to be a true American patriot. Mr. Esposito enlisted in the United States Navy in 1961 and served on the USS Ticonderoga CVA 14, Division V4. He has remained an active member of the American Legion since his honorable discharge in 1964, making him a 53-year member. He has also been a member of the VFW for 44 years.

Mr. Esposito has been recognized by the Nassau County Legislature as “Legionnaire of the Year” in 2009 and 2010 for his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of his fellow veterans. He was also named “Elmont Person of the Year” in 2006, not only for the lengths he goes to for former military servicemen and women, but for his sacrifice and service as a 43-year first responder and Commissioner of the Elmont Fire Department.

Mr. Esposito has received the “Kind Person Who Cares” Award from the United States Marine Corps for his work in the renowned Toys for Tots donation drive, the “Humanitarian of the Year” Award by the Thomas A. Bennet Foundation, and the “Honorable Community Service” Award from the Gateway Christian Center.

As Director of the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency (VSA), Mr. Esposito works tirelessly to empower, educate and provide necessary services to veterans within and beyond the boundaries of Nassau County. He goes above and beyond to ensure that every veteran who comes to the VSA seeking guidance receives the benefits they deserve, and has singlehandedly been a reliable resource to countless veterans and their loved ones during their time of need.

Mr. Esposito has been married to his wife, Joanna, for 46 years and is the proud father of two sons, John and Michael, and four grandchildren.