

Addabbo alters annual Veterans BBQ to a grab-and-go lunch event this year for the safety of veterans and volunteers

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Each year since being elected in 2008, State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. has held an end-of-the-summer BBQ to honor local veterans and thank them for their service. During the time of COVID, when public health is paramount, Addabbo did not want to abandon this event. Therefore, he has altered the annual BBQ to be a grab-and-go lunch for veterans this year.

On Saturday, September 26, veterans are invited to come out to the Howard Beach Motor Club, located at 59 Russell Street in Hamilton Beach, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. to drive by and pick up a free lunch provided by Russo's on the Bay. Veterans will be asked to take their lunch and leave the Motor Club as an indoor gathering goes against social distancing guidelines.

"This year is unlike any other that we have faced in recent memory. As we struggle to find some sense of normalcy, I wanted to continue this great event and help to honor our dedicated veterans," Addabbo said. "As I like to say, every day is Veterans Day, and this is one small way that we get to thank the local veterans."

In order to attend this event and get their free lunch, veterans are asked to call Senator Addabbo's office at 718-738-1111 to register.

"I would like to thank the Howard Beach Motor Club for allowing us to use their facility for this altered event, Frank Russo for providing the veterans free to-go meals, and to all of our military men and women for their service," Addabbo said. "I encourage all veterans to call my office to register for this event so they can come get acknowledged and honored."