## **Southold Town Salutes Banner Program Honoring Southold Veterans and Active Military**

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**SOUTHOLD, New York, (Date) -** The Auxiliary of Griswold Terry Glover American Legion Post 803 of Southold has partnered with the Town of Southold to honor Veterans, Active-Duty personnel, and members of the Reserve and National Guard to install tribute banners on lamp posts on the Main Road in the Hamlet of Southold beginning in May 2025.

Each banner is individualized to honor a specific person with his/her name, branch of service, and a photograph. Community members are encouraged to sponsor a Veteran, living or deceased. For information regarding this Program please contact the Auxiliary at <a href="mailto:southoldtownsalutes@gmail.com">southoldtownsalutes@gmail.com</a> The cost to sponsor a banner is \$225.

The (19" x 37") banners will hang from lamp posts in the Hamlet of Southold from May in celebration of Memorial Day to November in observance of Veterans Day. The application process will open annually, allowing new applicants an opportunity to sponsor a Veteran. Banners from previous years may be rotated into display, depending on the number of new banners hung each year.

Our first banner honors local veteran, George Robert Sullivan, U.S. Marine Corps, who served during the Vietnam War. This tribute banner can be seen hanging in front of Southold Town Hall.

"It is a great tribute to memorialize a Southold Town Vietnam War Hero and former community elected official who was our town tax receiver for many years. I feel it is proper and important that George Robert Sullivan be the first veteran to be selected and honored in the Southold Salutes Banner Program." - Dave DeFriest, Commander, Griswold Terry Glover American Legion Post 803 of Southold

"These brave men and women have put themselves in harm's way to allow us fellow Americans to have the liberties and freedoms we enjoy. They have earned our respect, and we are excited to start this banner program to honor them." - Rose Anasagasti, Post 803 Southold American Legion Auxiliary

"Thanking the folks that put on a uniform for all of us is a priority for our town. It has been a pleasure to see 'Southold Salutes' become a reality with my friends from the Southold American Legion Auxiliary." - Denis Noncarrow, Southold Town Clerk

For more information, email: southoldtownsalutes@gmail.com