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New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) Director and City Planning Commission (CPC) Chair Dan Garodnick today celebrated the New York City Council's approval of the Adams administration's OneLIC Neighborhood Plan. Altogether, the OneLIC plan will generate the most housing of any neighborhood-specific rezoning in at least 25 years. The plan is anticipated to generate almost \$80 billion in economic activity over the next four decades. To support current and future residents and workers in this part of Queens, the administration has committed to over \$650 million in community investments, including significant new public open space along the waterfront and underneath the Queensboro Bridge. When combined with four additional neighborhood plans that have already been passed under the Adams administration, as well as "City of Yes for Housing Opportunity," the OneLIC Neighborhood Plan will help the Adams administration create, preserve, or plan over 433,000 homes for New Yorkers.

Long Island City is a fast-growing economic and cultural hub with easy access to transit, housing, and commercial and industrial job opportunities. While parts of this neighborhood have welcomed thousands of residents, businesses, and public waterfront space, other areas have remained saddled by outdated zoning that restricted new housing and left large parts of the waterfront neglected and inaccessible to the public. The OneLIC Neighborhood Plan is designed to address these challenges.

The plan's boundaries stretch from the East River waterfront to Crescent Street and Queens Plaza North to 47th Avenue, with one segment reaching further up to 39th Avenue between 21st Street to 23rd Street.

Building More Affordable Homes

The passage of the OneLIC Neighborhood Plan is a significant milestone towards creating a more affordable and equitable Long Island City for working-class families. The plan will create 14,700 new homes across the neighborhood, the most amount of housing generated by a neighborhood-specific rezoning in at least 25 years. By requiring new developments in Long Island City to include permanently affordable housing via Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and using city subsidies on public sites, the plan is expected to produce roughly 4,350 income-restricted homes — enough to house over 10,000 New Yorkers. That number includes 320 homes for lower-income New Yorkers at 44-59 45th Avenue, where the city currently houses New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) operations.

On top of new housing, this initiative will also dedicate over \$200 million to much-needed repairs and upgrades for the nearby Queensbridge Houses, improving the quality of life for the residents of the largest public housing complex in North America. These funds include over \$100 million to modernize plumbing and renovate kitchens and bathrooms, as well as almost another \$100 million to replace or repair 80 elevators, fix sinkholes, add new playground space, install new interior lighting, and

more. Another \$5.3 million is dedicated to improvements to the Jacob Riis Community Center.

OneLIC Neighborhood Plan would unify the waterfront from Gantry Plaza State Park to Queensbridge Park, creating a consistent public space for the neighborhood.

More Public Space and Schools

The Long Island City community has long called for more open space. Although this area has an extensive shoreline, public access has been disjointed and, in some cases, restricted entirely. The OneLIC Neighborhood Plan will create a new, continuous esplanade for the community from Gantry Plaza State Park to Queensbridge Park, a nearly two-mile stretch that will unify the waterfront and make it easier than ever for New Yorkers to relax along the East River.

The plan will also create nearly five acres of open space under the Queensboro Bridge, including Queensbridge Baby Park, a significant investment that will serve nearby residents of Queensbridge Houses and the broader community for decades to come. This public space was a beloved community resource throughout the 20th century, a role this plan will restore with new landscaping, seating, lighting, and more. Additional public realm commitments include improvements to Queensbridge Park, such as a new playground, upgrades to the fields and courts, a new water play area, reconstructed restrooms, and more. The city will also facilitate the redevelopment of DOT ramps sites in the Court Square area into public space and study the feasibility of public realm improvements around the Queensboro Bridge ramps.

Additionally, the OneLIC Neighborhood Plan invests in public education. Two new elementary schools, with a total of 1,094 seats, are in the works for Hunters Point and Court Square and will open for the 2027 and 2028 school years, respectively. Further, the city will construct a new 600-seat school at 5-46 46th Avenue near Anable Basin, as well as acquire land when the need arises to build two additional 650-seat schools in the neighborhood. Finally, the plan commits to relocating the Baccalaureate School for Global Education to a new, more modern facility.

More Jobs, Better Streets, and a New Community Center

The OneLIC plan will also grow the local economy by creating over 3.5 million square feet of commercial and industrial space, generating approximately 14,400 new jobs across a range of sectors. To support workers, as well as residents and visitors, the plan will fund a series of streetscape and transportation-related enhancements, including a safer 44th Drive for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and truck drivers; a comprehensive lighting study in the Long Island City Industrial Business Zone; pedestrian safety improvements at Queensboro Bridge landing; and \$300,000 for services to assist small businesses. To support Long Island City's cultural landscape, the plan dedicates funds to renovate the Long Island City YMCA Branch, with another \$45 million coming to the neighborhood this fiscal year to support local arts and cultural organizations.

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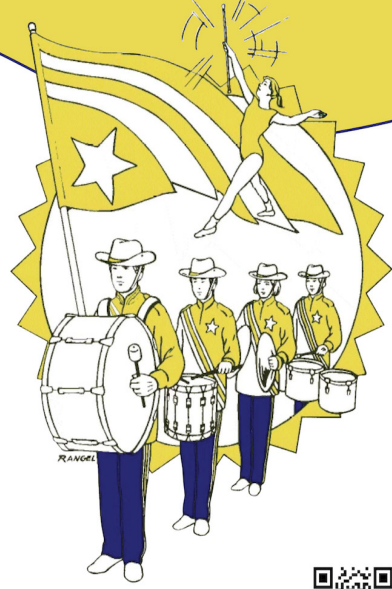
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A SAILOR’S STORY

by Dr. Sharon M. Cadiz

“With a grateful heart, I honor those who serve.”
Daily Word, November 11, 2025

The occasion of Veterans Day reminds us of the gallant sacrifices made by those who go to war. The stirring memories and glorification of victories give us a sense of pride without the burden of the broader reality that lives beyond the borders of this special day. In a familiar fashion, the dead get reported as if we are keeping score at a football game; and like the number of team goals scored, reporting the most enemy casualties as evidence of the winner. We don’t blame each other when the tensions cool, because we count our collective losses as necessary and consider the bloodshed a noble cause. We watch war movies while celebrating; or attend ceremonies and tributes because we feel that it is the right way to honor those who served and answered the call.

Although I am arriving late to the celebration of Veterans Day, I have been prompted to share a single story of a young sailor from New York City because I was inspired by the CBS Sunday Morning, November 9th airing of a segment entitled: “Bearing the Invisible Scars of War” featuring historian David Nasaw’s new book “The Wounded Generation.” My sailor’s story starts around 1966 with a 14 year old boy who grew up in the Lower Eastside of New York just a block from Henry Street Settlement House where he learned photography and art making that included being among the other neighborhood volunteers who did mosaic designs on sculptures that continue to adorn the outside of the public housing development where he grew up.

He joined the John F. Kennedy Cadets and learned to march and do trick drills. He and other youngsters learned the values that grew out of pride for their talents and a sincere dedication to the country and community that they called home. His adult role models were those who guided and taught them to pursue excellence; ever striving to express the valor and commitment to serve which was cultivated by an adherence to practicing positive values. They proudly marched in two annual Veterans Day parades and one Thanksgiving Parade. I was told that they were captured on film on one of the local channels.

This was an era of “the draft” and young men from all over our nation were being called to serve. At 17, this young man got his mother to sign and he left high school before graduating to enlist before he was drafted. On the assigned day, he arrived at an induction site in Brooklyn for what he thought was going to be an orientation only to discover that he was put on a bus with other recruits and taken to the

airport. The first destination was Chicago, Illinois and from there he was sent to a ship in dry dock in Burlington, Washington. He and the others were given the opportunity to call home and send a post card to their parents. In the case of this sailor, his parents were left without a clue about his whereabouts, so this contact was especially important.

The adventure was one that the young man felt prepared to undertake based on his rigorous training as a Cadet, as well as the fact that the recruiter told him that he could become a Photographer’s Mate. Unfortunately, the recruiter’s promise was not kept seemingly because such a classification was considered a plum assignment for a more privileged recruit. Instead he was given the job of Fireman. Next, he was assigned as a “Mess Cook” in the main kitchen after a short stay in the bakery and the Officer’s Mess Hall. That is where he served during his tour of duty on the USS Simon Lake. For two years he traveled the world to different destinations and gathered experiences that were, at times, a stark introduction to adulthood. He recalls one tragic event that involved a young sailor, unable to cope with the rigors of military life, who hung himself on the deck of the ship. Being on a nuclear “sub tender,” the sailors slept near Polaris missiles, lead and asbestos. Letters or packages from home were non-existent for this sailor; although the he would routinely respond to “mail call” and he developed the habit of marking his calendar counting off days and marking time. He and other New Yorkers faced bias expressed by those who held a particularly negative impression of folks from that city. A final memory of his military service occurred when he was suspected of using drugs that he was allegedly “shooting up” between his toes to conceal his use. The absurdity of these accusations represented a final blow to the innocence that led him into military service; and unleashed a defiant response to authority; challenging the false nature of the claims that were made and responding to the demand to “name names” of peers for whom the charges might have been well founded. His act of defending himself and refusing to implicate others based on suspicion could have cost him his honorable discharge, but it did not, and he was cleared of the suspected offense.

The next chapter for this sailor, who became a veteran, unfolded with his return to civilian life. Like so many other service men and women who returned, there was expressed disdain for them based on the unfavorable image portrayed in the media and within the fabric of society that shunned veterans and active duty military who were

seen as “baby killers” connected to the national war effort of the time. The sailor had learned, while still in the Navy, not to wear his uniform when off-duty because people may spit on him or make negative remarks. Therefore, when he departed his ship in New London, Connecticut for the last time, he threw his duffle bag containing his uniform and other items overboard. He had received no debriefing or support for his return to civilian life. He was left to build a life using the meager provisions that were allotted to returning veterans: \$370 per month for college or job training attendance; a supplemental down payment guarantee for a mortgage that the found not to be honored at Fleet Bank, Bank of America or Chase; and medical and dental services which at the time of his discharge (although quite good now) were very poor quality then.

Finding a job during this time proved to be a monumental challenge. Veterans were profiled as violent or drug using malcontents with a lot of issues. This young man at the age of 19 had served his country and had been filed among the other veterans in the category of undesirable in terms of employment prospects and social acceptance. His dream of becoming an X-ray technician quickly faded as he realized that he simply needed a job so he could support himself. Luckily, because of his food service training in the military his uncle, who formerly worked at the Pierre Hotel, was a member of the kitchen staff helping to launch a new restaurant called “The Grove” in the newly built campus-based Student Union. It was an upscale establishment that even had full size palm trees in the dining room. He coordinated a schedule of work in the restaurant; night school at Washington Irving High School to complete his high school equivalency (later referred to as the GED); and helping his oldest sister with the care of their mother who was being treated for a diagnosis of stomach cancer. When his position became very difficult to manage, due to these and other demands including his application to enroll at the same college where he worked as a cook, he left the restaurant. In a curious turn of events he, like other returning veterans, found that his relationship with a woman he knew before entering the military ended; and before leaving the restaurant position, he met the woman he would eventually marry and with whom he would have two children.

In the early period immediately after he was discharged from the military, he even applied for a seasonal position as Santa Claus at a local department store. On the day that he was to report, he stood in the

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cold darkness of that early Winter morning, waiting for a bus to the store when, in a moment of total frustration, he decided to go back home feeling the pangs of utter defeat. During this period he would go to interviews and be turned down. On one occasion the interviewer, upon seeing a photograph that the veteran would carry entitled: "The Aftermath of a Veteran" showing a man in the gutter, had mercy on him and gave him an opportunity to learn that his discharge papers contained a code (SPN Code Number) sharing information that could possibly be used to determine whether or not the individual was or wasn't a potentially desirable candidate for a position.

The veteran got into college in spite of initial difficulties and started working for a veterans' advocacy organization going on to serve other veterans and helping to abolish the SPN codes. He was also a part of demonstrations protesting the treatment of veterans where police on horseback intimidated the crowds of veterans in places including City Hall Park. This was no quick remedy to what countless veterans faced as a result of Agent Orange exposure; other health related injuries; PTSD; depression; drug and alcohol use; family disintegration and suicide. There were periods when this veteran took work including being a life guard at a mini-pool in Ozone Park; acting as a camp counselor for Henry Street Settlement House; putting bicycles together at Times Square Stores on Broadway in Long Island City; being a part of the cleaning crew at P.S.

112 near Crescent Street in Queens; in addition to doing repairs and painting for professors in their apartments or lofts in places like Chelsea in Manhattan or Hastings-on-Hudson. Eventually, he completed both undergraduate and graduate degrees while having an uneven work history that continued to be challenging for decades.

The moral of this story, confirms the evidence produced by author and historian David Nasaw, who through his own lived experience of his troubled alcoholic father who returned from WWII, attests to the reality of the "invisible wounds of war" in his new book, "The Wounded Generation." We now have a greater level of awareness about the trauma of war; yet, we seem unable to end the madness that makes war an option for resolving conflict. To that distressingly familiar end, we create successive generations that will unquestionably fall victim to the violence; devastation and loss that we endure over and over again; sacrificing our young and those who love them for the short term gains that come from the brutality and futility of war. I hereby send my intention for peace to everyone in our war weary world and invite you, as my reader, to embrace my message with a desire to give our children and grandchildren a peaceful world that we deliver to them through our words, actions, commitments and the daily practice of living our positive values. I am determined to continue my quest to bind up and heal the wounds; burying the lust for power and control, and raising a banner that declares love and peace as our most powerful tools for change. Happy Belated Veterans Day to you all!

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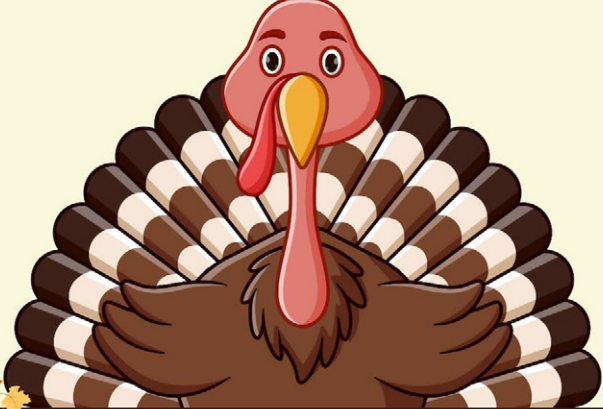
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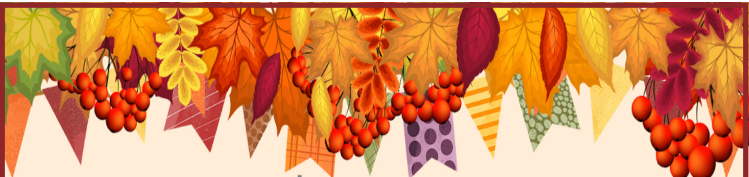
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