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The Blissville Civic Association held a Memorial Day ceremony on Thursday, May 21, 2026, honoring members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the country and did not return to Blissville. Queens Borough President Donovan Richards served as keynote speaker for the event.

The ceremony also recognized the recent restoration of the Blissville Veterans Memorial, which was originally established in 1919 and sustained damage during Hurricane Sandy in 2012. The renovation was completed through the efforts of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, Community Board 2 of Queens and support and funding secured by former Councilmember Jimmy Van Bramer.

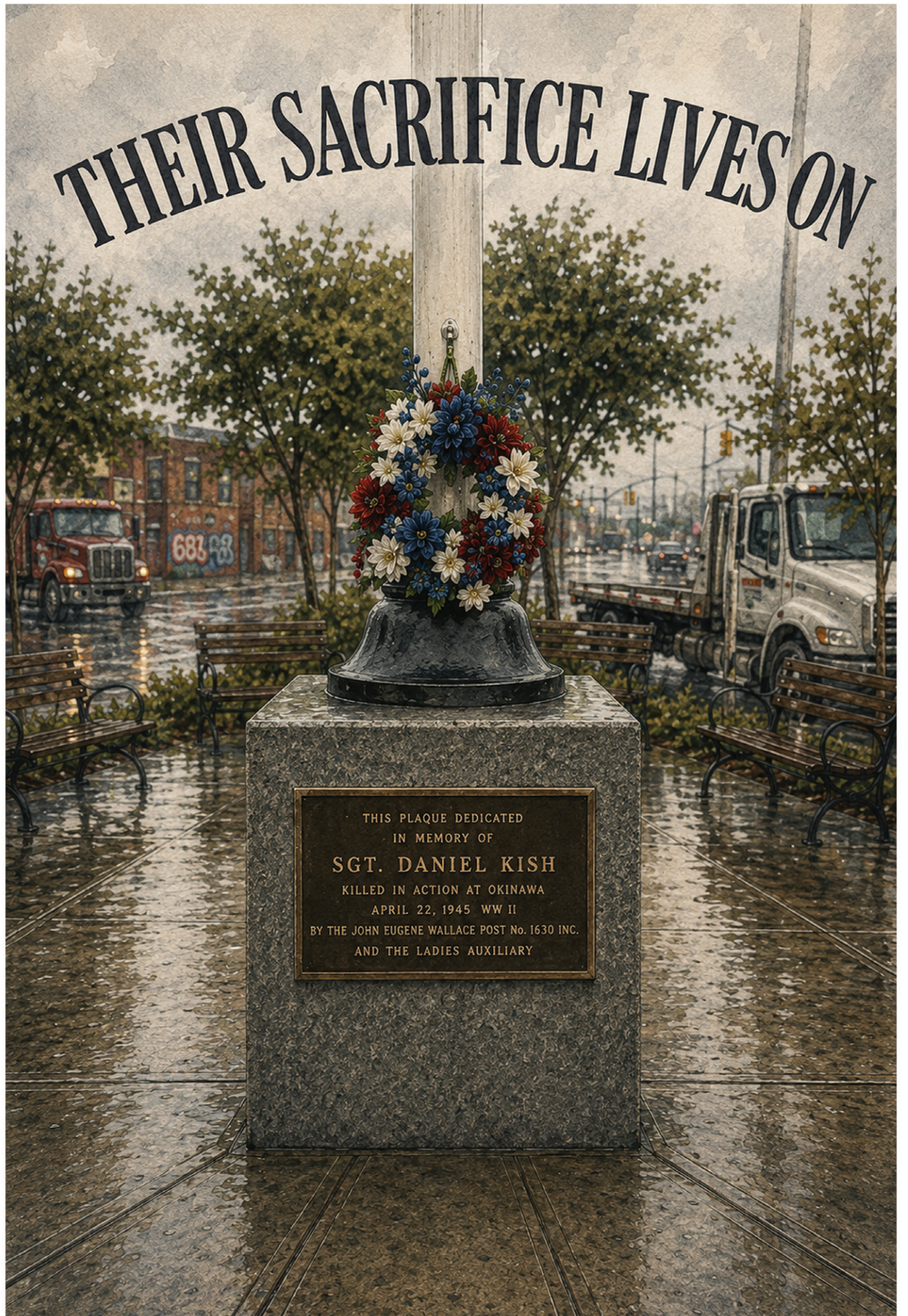
Organizers also acknowledged the contributions of the NYPD 108th Precinct, community members and others who participated in the memorial's rededication and helped preserve the site for future generations.

Following the ceremony, attendees took part in a mini parade along Greenpoint Avenue to Blissville's Gathering Place Bantry Bay.

During his remarks, Richards spoke about the importance of honoring veterans and recognizing the sacrifices made by members of the military in defense of the nation.

The Blissville Civic Association encouraged residents to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those who gave their lives while serving the country and to remember the lasting legacy they leave behind.

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ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE WILL NOT TAKE AWAY YOUR FEARS

by Stan Popovich

Using drugs and alcohol will not take away your problems and fears. In the short run, they might make you feel better, but in the long run these addictions will only make things worse. As a result, here are eight tips on how to manage your persistent fears and anxieties without using drugs and alcohol.

1. **Take it one day at a time:** Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week or month, try to focus on today. Each day can provide us with different opportunities to learn new things and that includes learning how to deal with your issues. In addition, you will not feel overwhelmed with everything if you focus on one thing at a time.

2. **Learn how to manage your fearful thoughts:** When experiencing a negative thought, read some positive statements and affirmations that will help lift your spirits and make you feel better. Remember that your fearful thoughts may be exaggerated so balance these thoughts with realistic thinking and common sense.

3. **Do not do everything all at once:** Learn how to break your fears into a series of smaller steps. Completing these smaller tasks one step at a time will make the stress more manageable and increase your chances of success. You will also feel more confident in getting things accomplished rather than worrying about what you need to do.

4. **Drugs and alcohol are not the answers to your problems:** Getting the help you need and learning how to deal with your situation are the most effective ways in managing your fears, anxieties, and addictions. In time, you will become better able to maintain your mental health.

5. **Managing your anxieties will take some hard work:** Trying to avoid your addictions will do nothing in getting rid of your fears and anxieties. Sooner or later, you will have to confront your mental health issues. Remember that all you can do is to do your best each day, hope for the best, and take things in stride.

6. **Drugs and alcohol can make things difficult:** Drugs and alcohol can make your problems even more complicated. Many professionals have said that substance abuse will only add more misery to your situation. Be smart and learn how to cope with your mental health issues the right way.

7. **Talk to a former addict:** If you think that drugs and alcohol will solve your problems, then try talking to someone who has already been down that road. By talking to a former addict, you will get the truth on how substance abuse can ruin your life.

8. **Take advantage of the help that is available around you:** If possible, talk to a professional who can help reduce your fears and anxieties. They will be able to provide you with additional advice and insights on how to deal with your current situation. By talking to a professional, a person will be helping themselves in the long run because they will become better able to deal with their problems in the future.



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QUINN MINUTE – MY FROG DRAWING

by Rix Quinn

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Following instructions on a large display in our textbook, we laid the frog on its back, and noticed this was not this frog's first autopsy. The chest was already open, so we did our best to locate important organs by moving them around with a number two pencil. We noticed the position of the heart, lungs, and other disgusting stuff. Each of us attempted to sketch what we saw on a blank sheet of paper. We noted that some of the frog's front fingers were missing. Probably the result of a frog-to-frog competition.

We handed in our sketches. Mine looked a little like a goat...but not much. The teacher gave my artwork an F-minus. I complained to her that nobody deserved below an F. She told me that this one was so bad, it needed special recognition.




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For Additional information please contact us at: 108communitycouncil@gmail.com

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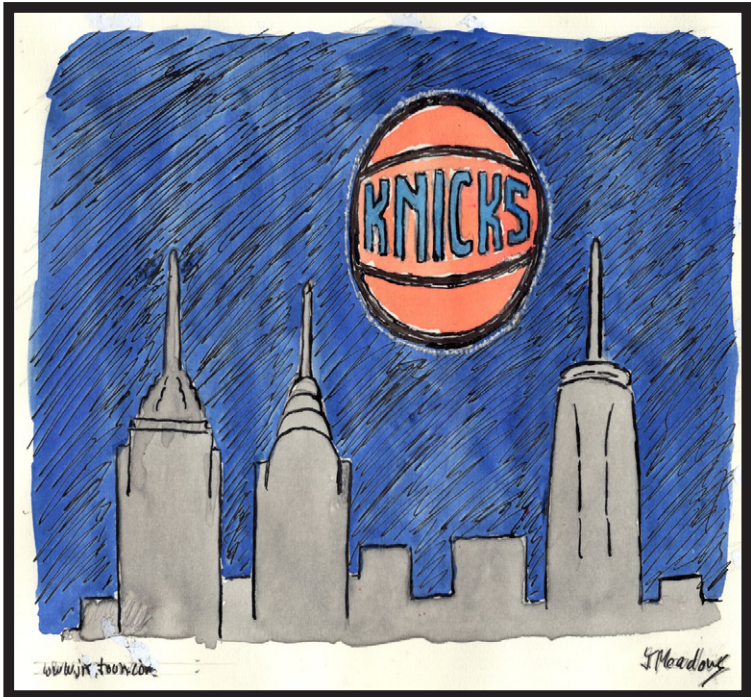


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