

NEWS from Congressman Steve Israel



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US Rep. Steve Israel, Judge Patrick Leis, Northport VAMC Director Phil Moschitta Announce Suffolk County Veterans Court

Veterans Court to provide special training for court personnel and an on-site resource coordinator to help advise veterans

Central Islip, NY-- On Monday, Rep. Steve Israel (D - Huntington) will join with Suffolk County's Administrative Judge H. Patrick Leis III of the Suffolk County Court System and Phil Moschitta, Director of Northport VAMC to dedicate the Suffolk County Veterans Court. Veterans Courts give veterans facing criminal charges on-site support and access to services they might need, such as PTSD or substance abuse counseling. Judges and court staff will receive specialized training on resources available for veterans and the VA will provide an on-site "Resource Coordinator" to assist both the veteran and court personnel.

- Who:** Rep. Steve Israel, Suffolk County's Administrative Judge H. Patrick Leis III and Phil Moschitta, Director of Northport VAMC, Judge John J. Toomey, Jr., Joe Sledge, Public Affairs Officer VAMC, Greg Curran, Homeless Veterans Coordinator VAMC, Eric Bruno, VAMC Veterans Justice Outreach
- What:** Rep. Steve Israel & Suffolk County Administrative Judge Patrick Leis, Phil Moschitta, Director of Northport VAMC dedicate the first Suffolk County Veterans Court
- When:** 11:00AM, Monday, February 7, 2011
- Where:** John P. Cohalan, Jr. Court Complex, Supreme Court, Courtroom S-24, 400 Carleton Ave., Central Islip, NY 11722

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