

"I am extremely thankful to all those who have dedicated their lives in service to protecting this country. I want to ensure the memories of those who served are not forgotten."

- BP ODDO

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S
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Borough President James Oddo is dedicated to honoring those Staten Islanders who have served our country and making sure their stories are remembered. In 2017, Borough Hall hosted multiple events to recognize and celebrate our veterans.

In April, we hosted a Welcome Home Breakfast for our Vietnam Veterans. With over 200 vets in attendance, Borough President Oddo honored each one with a specially-designed commemorative coin to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Last fall, Borough President Oddo moderated a panel discussion with Vietnam War Veterans to learn about their experiences during that turbulent era. Filmed by CTV, the discussion aired during the week of Veterans Day. We are thankful to these veterans for sharing their experiences and allowing us to document and preserve them for future generations.

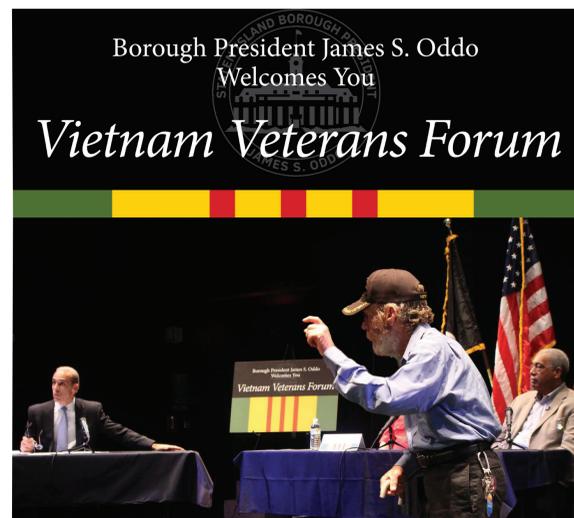
Our office then delved into World War II history and hosted a screening of the documentary "The Ghost Army." The audience learned about the top secret unit during WWII that used inflatable tanks and sound effects to trick the enemy on the battlefields of Europe. The film was followed by a Q&A with author and filmmaker Rick Beyer. We were thrilled to have four of our WWII Veterans in attendance.

We also launched a social media initiative to honor our vets called "Thank A Veteran." Staten Islanders submitted pictures and stories of their family members who served in our armed forces, which were featured on our social media accounts daily throughout the month of November.

Our office continues to work with various veterans' organizations throughout Staten Island and the city, and we plan to continue hosting events and initiatives that serve our veteran population.



November 1, 2017
BP Oddo hosts a screening of Rick Beyer's "The Ghost Army"



Veteran Events

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED – AND PLEDGING OUR REMEMBRANCE

