

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we close this week and continue to honor the men and women who call the Long Island State Veterans Home their Home, we focus on the significance of tomorrow - June 6. Seventy-six years ago, back in 1944, the United States engaged in the largest amphibious invasion in military history, the Invasion of Normandy. We remember a day in history when brave men entered a lonely, windswept point on the northern shore of France in order to climb desolate cliffs and take out the enemy guns that so threatened the world and all its people. Our World War II heroes and heroines came of age during the Great Depression and gave new meaning to the words: Duty, Service, Sacrifice, Courage and Honor.

Tomorrow, we honor with great pride three of our own, Philip DiMarco, Harold Wordsman and Charles Cino, who were part of the D-Day Invasion in Normandy, France. These men answered the call to save the world from the two most powerful and ruthless military machines ever assembled, instruments of conquest in the hands of Fascist maniacs. Philip, Harold and Charles knew back in 1944 that some things are worth the ultimate sacrifice. One's nation is worth dying for because it is the most honorable form of government ever devised by a people. As young soldiers and sailors, Philip, Harold and Charles risked everything because they knew they were fighting for all humanity. Tomorrow we honor them and once again say thank you for their remarkable service.

Now an update on a current battle, the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): There are 54 residents who are positive for the virus; fifty-one are at the Home and three are at Stony Brook University Hospital receiving treatment. Please know that we now have 106 residents who have recovered from the virus. We are utilizing 21 days after the initial diagnosis as our indicator for recovery.

Sadly, we have had one additional veteran pass away this week from this virus: a World War II veteran and a representative of the Greatest Generation. We grieve with his family and once again acknowledge the loss of another valiant member of the LISVH community.

As it relates to our workforce, we have had 104 employees test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) since March 10, 2020. Thirty employees are recuperating at their homes and 74 have fully recovered and are back to work. We continue to comply with the Governor's Executive Order to have all our employees tested twice a week. This Executive Order is effective until June 9, 2020, and we are awaiting word if it might be extended or modified. We will update you once any new information is disclosed. We are paying close attention to this issue because it impacts each and every one of us.

We are in the process of developing a reopening plan for our Home that will strictly adhere to the guidelines of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Veterans Administration and the New York State Department of Health.

We appreciate your patience these past few months; however, this virus remains highly contagious and unpredictable. Safety remains our top priority and we hope that you will continue to understand the situation. Please stay safe and stay strong. Feel free to contact us with any of your concerns. As always, we are a phone call away.

Sincerely,

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