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### **\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\***

**Event:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Island Run For The Warriors®

**Date:** Sunday, November 13, 2011

**Schedule:** 7 – 8:45 a.m. Packet pick up, same day registration  
9 a.m. Opening Ceremony  
9:30 a.m. 10K begins  
9:45 a.m. 5K begins  
10 a.m. 1-mile run/walk begins  
Awards Ceremony Immediately Follows Race

**Media:** Please contact Jack Caffey, Jr., Race Director, at the race site for interviews and information. Please contact Anne Woods, Public Relations Director, for information before and after the race, photos, or event results.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Island Run For The Warriors® Honors LI Military *Event honors, raises funds for wounded service members and their families*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Island Run For The Warriors® will be held Sunday, November 13, 2011 at the Town Hall of Babylon in Lindenhurst, NY. The race, with distances of 10K, 5K and a 1-mile run/walk, has grown in numbers and popularity each year with nearly 2,000 participants in last year's race. A pre-race ceremony to honor our heroes will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by the race kick-off at 9:30 a.m. All monies raised will benefit Hope For The Warriors®, a national nonprofit organization that supports wounded U.S. service members, their families, and families of the fallen.

Race day registration is \$30/person. All active duty military, their families, and children 10 and under race for free. Last year's Long Island Run For The Warriors® raised more than \$100,000 and drew overwhelming support from the community and local businesses. For more information, visit <http://run.kintera.org/LongIsland2011>.

"So many families on Long Island were personally affected by 9/11, and then by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," Steve Bellone, Babylon Town Supervisor said. "By supporting Hope For The Warriors®, we are supporting those families."

Bellone, who was reelected Tuesday as the town supervisor, will once again run in the Long Island Run For The Warriors®.

The opening ceremony will honor and recognize the sacrifices of local combat-wounded service members and Gold Star families. Also part of the opening ceremony will be the American Celtic Bagpipe Band, U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard, U.S. Naval Color Guard, and local, state and federal public officials. Patriot Guard Riders will lead the start of the race.

“The most important aspect of our event is not the run but rather the opening ceremony,” Jack Caffey, Jr., Long Island Run For The Warriors® Race Director said. “In the ceremony, we take the time to truly honor combat wounded heroes and families of fallen service members for the personal sacrifices they have made to protect our freedom and security.”

Presenting sponsors for the race are Local 338 Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union and the Town of Babylon. Corporations and organizations interested in sponsorship opportunities for future races should contact Jack Caffey, Jr., [jcaffey@hopeforthewarriors.org](mailto:jcaffey@hopeforthewarriors.org).

The mission of Hope For The Warriors® ([www.hopeforthewarriors.org](http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org)) is to enhance quality of life for U.S. service members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty. Hope For The Warriors® actively seeks to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet.

Hope For The Warriors® has earned a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator ([www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)) , an independent organization that evaluates fiscal responsibility and accountability of nonprofits.

*Hope For The Warriors® (Federal Tax ID 20-5182295) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charity as defined in sections 509(A)(1) and 170(B)(1)(A)(VI) of the Internal Revenue Code. Combined Federal Campaign, CFC #27800.*

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