

## Veterans honored across the borough

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Veterans honored with homemade quilts

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- As Veterans Day quickly approaches, a number of Staten Island organizations have held ceremonies to honor those who have put their life on the line to defend our country.

On Friday, the Staten Island Quilters Guild partnered with The Esplanade, a senior living facility, to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of their veteran residents.

Each year, the Staten Island Quilters Guild chooses one senior living facility in the borough and presents all veterans living there with a unique, hand-made quilt sewn by members of the Staten Island Quilters Guild.

Elizabeth Pagola, president of the Guild, explained that the quilts are meant to aid veterans when they are in need of comfort.

"It is for them to wrap themselves in and remember that the person who made that quilt made it especially for them and is thinking of you," said Pagola.

Rep. Max Rose (D-Staten Island/South Brooklyn), a fellow veteran, was in attendance for Friday's event, where he presented each veteran with a citation thanking them for their service and sacrifice.