

***SHERIFF JAMES DIPAOLO - ADDRESS  
AGREEMENT SIGNING & MILITARY SENDOFF LUNCHEON***

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GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU.

I WOULD LIKE TO START BY THANKING THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND INVITED GUESTS WITH US TODAY. BECAUSE OF YOU OUR SOLDIERS AROUND THE GLOBE RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED AND THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE.

IN PARTICULAR I WOULD LIKE TO THANK STATE DIRECTOR KEN FORCHIELLI AND EVERYONE AT THE EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE. THEIR ORGANIZATION HAS DEVOTED ITS EXISTENCE TO ENSURING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED SERVICES RECEIVE PROPER AND FAIR TREATMENT FROM THEIR STATESIDE EMPLOYERS. IF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR AMERICA, WE AS EMPLOYERS MUST BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR THEM.

THIS MORNING, I WILL SIGN A DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GUARD AND RESERVE. IT IS A SIMPLE YET POWERFUL SYMBOL OF OUR COMMITMENT TO THOSE BRAVE EMPLOYEES ENTERING OR CONTINUING IN THEIR MILITARY SERVICE. WE JOIN A FAMILY OF HUNDREDS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMONWEALTH, AS WELL AS THOUSANDS

NATIONWIDE WHO HAVE SPOKEN OUT AND STOOD TOGETHER PUBLICLY  
IN SUPPORT OF OUR SOLDIERS.

WHEN I WAS FIRST APPROACHED TO SIGN THIS DECLARATION OF  
SUPPORT, I WAS INSTANTLY INTRIGUED BECAUSE IT EXEMPLIFIED AND  
AMPLIFIED MY OWN PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE ABOUT THE  
EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP.

IN 1996 WHEN I FIRST BECAME SHERIFF, I MADE IT MY GOAL TO SPREAD  
PROFESSIONALISM, FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY THROUGHOUT THE  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE. BY DOING THIS, I HOPED TO CREATE SOLIDARITY  
AMONGST THE RANKS AND ALLOW EACH OF OUR 800 + EMPLOYEES TO  
VIEW THEIR COWORKERS AS AN EXTENDED FAMILY.

THE THEME BEHIND SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT IS JUST THAT: WE ARE ALL  
EQUAL, WE ARE ALL ONE NATION, WE ARE ALL ONE FAMILY. WE ALL  
HAVE THE GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND  
DIGNITY – ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO PLACE THEMSELVES  
IN HARM'S WAY TO PROTECT THAT RIGHT.

SINCE 1996, 26 MEMBERS OF THIS EXTENDED SHERIFF'S OFFICE FAMILY  
HAVE LEFT THE WALLS OF OUR CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND  
TRAVELED AROUND THE GLOBE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED

SERVICES. CURRENTLY, AS I SPEAK, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MIDDLESEX SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTIES DEPLOYED IN ACTIVE DUTY. THEY ALL HAVE OUR UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT, OF WHICH THEY ARE MOST DESERVED.

AMONG THEM IS DEPUTY MARK O'BRIEN, WHO IS HERE WITH US TODAY BEFORE BEING DEPLOYED TO HIS SECOND TOUR OF DUTY ON MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>. I AM HONORED AND PROUD TO KNOW A YOUNG MAN OF SUCH HIGH CHARACTER AND CALIBER. HIS LOYALTY TO COUNTRY AND COLLEAGUE IS INFALLIBLE; HIS FIERCE DETERMINATION IS UNCHAINED. GENUINE COMPASSION FOR FAMILY AND FELLOW AMERICAN RUNS THROUGH HIS VEINS.

THESE ARE TRAITS THAT I LOOK FOR IN ALL MIDDLESEX SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES – BUT THEY ARE TRAITS THAT ARE THE MOST STERLING IN THOSE EMPLOYEES WITH MILITARY BACKGROUND.

WE ARE SO STAUNCH IN OUR SUPPORT OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN BECAUSE OF THE KINSHIP BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE MILITARY. BOTH ENTITIES PERFORM A SOMETIMES CONTROVERSIAL JOB, PUTTING THE LIVES OF OTHERS ABOVE THEIR OWN. BOTH DEMAND SELFLESSNESS AND COURAGE IN ORDER TO SECURE THE RIGHTS AND

FREEDOMS THAT GOVERN DEMOCRACY AND FORM THE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA.

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, IN HIS FAREWELL SPEECH FROM 1962, SAID: “DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY - THOSE THREE HALLOWED WORDS REVERENTLY DICTATE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE, WHAT YOU CAN BE, WHAT YOU WILL BE. THEY ARE YOUR RALLYING POINT TO BUILD COURAGE WHEN COURAGE SEEMS TO FAIL, TO REGAIN FAITH WHEN THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE CAUSE FOR FAITH, TO CREATE HOPE WHEN HOPE BECOMES FORLORN.”

DEPUTY MARK O’BRIEN AND HIS COMRADES ARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF HEROIC MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY WITH VALOR. THEY WILL CARRY ON THE REVERED MILITARY TRADITION THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR SO DEARLY LOVED AND SO FLAWLESSLY EMBODIED.

IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US AS AMERICANS – AS PATRIOTS – TO CELEBRATE THEIR DEVOTION TO HUMANITY AND THEIR FAITH IN LIBERTY.

MARK, REMEMBER WHAT GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID: DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. AND ADD TO IT, FAMILY. YOUR PARENTS, SIBLINGS, FRIENDS

AND YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY AT THE MIDDLESEX SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
WILL SAIL WITH YOU ACROSS THE SEAS, MARCH WITH YOU OVER THE  
DESERT DUNES AND PERSEVERE WITH YOU UNDER THE RELENTLESS SUN.

WE ARE ALL WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU LAY YOUR HEAD.

GOD BLESS YOU AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED  
SERVICES. AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

THANK YOU.