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**City of Glen Cove to Be Recognized for Leadership in Veteran Mental Health
Mayor Pam Panzenbeck to Receive Mental Health Advocate Award**

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Glen Cove, NY — The City of Glen Cove will be recognized for its longstanding commitment to supporting veterans and their families, as Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck is set to receive the *Mental Health Advocate Award* from the Long Island Marine Corps League (LI-MCL), in partnership with the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

The recognition reflects more than 350 years of service and care for those who have served our country—honoring Glen Cove’s deep-rooted commitment to veterans in every war and conflict, and to their families both during and after service.

The award highlights the City’s leadership in addressing one of the most pressing challenges facing returning service members: mental health. As outlined in the program materials, veterans continue to face significant challenges transitioning back to civilian life, including increased risk of self-harm and the lasting impacts of military service .

Glen Cove has taken a proactive role in confronting these issues, demonstrating awareness, compassion, and action in supporting both young and older veterans. The City was also recognized as the first in the nation to formally acknowledge the crisis of veteran suicide as a designated SAR City in America .

Through initiatives aligned with the Marine Corps League’s Mental Health Advocate City Program, the City continues to promote education, early awareness, and access to resources for returning service men and women. These efforts focus on understanding the unique challenges veterans face and ensuring they have the support needed to successfully transition, rebuild, and thrive.

“This recognition is a reflection of our entire community,” said Mayor Panzenbeck. “Supporting our veterans does not end when their service does—it is a lifelong responsibility, and one we are proud to carry forward in Glen Cove.”

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:30 PM at Glen Cove City Hall.

The event will be attended by local officials, veteran organizations, and community leaders, and will serve as a moment to honor not only Mayor Panzenbeck, but the collective efforts of those who continue to advocate for the well-being of veterans and their families.

Additional information, including program details and background materials, can be found in the attached packet. A graphic is also included for media use.

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