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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Monday, November 14, 2016**

### **CITY GATHERS TO OBSERVE VETERANS DAY**

This past Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> the City of Everett gathered at the Connolly Center, in observance of Veterans Day, to honor and remember those who served in our armed forces. The annual service was attended by numerous local veterans and their families, as well as City and State officials.

Speakers addressed the audience and expressed their gratitude and appreciation for our Veteran community. They touched upon the themes of liberty and freedom, for which generations of Americans are so grateful.

The event also included keynote speak, Lester MacLaughlin. United States Army First Lieutenant Lester MacLaughlin is a decorated Vietnam Veteran, and his service to the City of Everett, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America is emblematic of the valor and courage of all of our soldiers who served in Vietnam as well as all wars. MacLaughlin spoke to the audience about his time in Vietnam and the brotherhood that was established with fellow soldiers.

Mayor DeMaria was also pleased to announce that he has appointed Jeanne Cristiano as the City of Everett's first female Veteran's Service Officer. Attendees witnessed the historic swearing in. Mayor DeMaria said, "This appointment is one of the most important appointments I will make as mayor and I can think of no better person to serve in this position than Jeanne.

The Everett High School marching band saluted each branch of the armed forces with rousing renditions of each branch's military hymn. The ceremony concluded with the traditional bell ringing at the eleventh hour.

\*photos included in email

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