



# TOWN OF RIVERHEAD NEWS

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**DEDICATION EVENT:** In Front of Millbrook Gables Park on Lewis St, off E. Main St towards Segal Ave.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

### **Town Board Authorizes the honorary name for Lewis Street as “Dashan J. Briggs Way”**

The Town of Riverhead will be dedicating Lewis Street in memory of Tech. Sgt. Dashan J. Briggs on Saturday, May 26th.

This tribute comes two months after Tech.Sgt. Briggs and six other members of the 106th Rescue Wing were lost during their mission in Al-Qa'im, Iraq.

The Riverhead Town Board passed Resolution 309 unanimously to honor and memorialize Tech.Sgt. Briggs for his dedication to keeping our community and country safe. “The Town of Riverhead Board is honored to be dedicating Lewis Street to Tech. Sgt. Dashan Briggs for his bravery and ultimate sacrifice to our community and country” said, Supervisor Jens-Smith. Tech.Sgt Dashan Briggs has shown his commitment to our community and was awarded along with 12 local Air National Guard members to receive the NYS Humane Service Medal in 2011 for his services during Hurricane Irene.

A 2007 graduate of Riverhead High School, Tech.Sgt. Briggs grew up on Lewis Street with his grandparents where the dedication will be taking place. In 2010, Tech.Sgt. Briggs joined the Air National Guard 106th Rescue Wing and was deployed to Afghanistan as a Munitions System Specialist. Tech.Sgt. Dashan Briggs is survived by his wife Rebecca Briggs and their two children, Jayden and Ava who reside in Port Jefferson Station.

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