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### NIGHT OF HEROES!

#### *Atlantis Marine World Celebrates Long Island's Military Heroes*

On Friday, February 9, Atlantis Marine World presents "Night of Heroes," an evening that celebrates the men and women who have recently served our country overseas.

The event, which begins at 6:30pm, will host more than 200 Long Island members of the Armed Forces, their families, and those who support them. Master of Ceremonies for the event is COL Ray Doyle (Ret.).

"'Night of Heroes' is just one example of how we as a nation feel about our men and women in uniform," said COL Doyle. "They are our true heroes and we thank Atlantis Marine World as they join us in honoring them."

The Aquarium is offering the evening, along with an Annual Family Membership to the Aquarium, to all those service people free of charge. Stalco Construction is also donating \$100.00 American Express Gift Cards to each military family. Any non-military individual wishing to attend can do so by calling Atlantis Marine World's Director of Food Services, Robert Lanieri, at 631.208.9200, ext. 286. There is a \$50.00 per person charge.

"This night is a great way to honor those who have served our country so proudly," Lanieri said. "But we'd also like to remember those soldiers who are still there and continue to protect us." Lanieri went on to say that the Aquarium is collecting Military Exchange Prepaid Calling Cards to send to our troops serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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#### ABOUT ATLANTIS MARINE WORLD AQUARIUM

Atlantis Marine World (AMW) opened in Riverhead, NY on June 15, 2000, as the first large-scale Aquarium to open in New York State in more than 35 years. Themed around the "Lost City of Atlantis," AMW blends science and nature with myth, inviting visitors to explore its inhabitants while discovering the Lost City. Today, nearly two million people have visited the Aquarium, enjoying its interactive exhibits. AMW is also the home of The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, New York's only authorized marine mammal and sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation center. Additional information can be found at [www.atlantismarineworld.com](http://www.atlantismarineworld.com).