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**NEW YORK ISLANDERS & MSC INDUSTRIAL WELCOME HOME
MILITARY VETERANS AT ISLES HOME GAMES**

UNIONDALE, NY (January 6, 2012) — American soldiers put their lives on the line everyday while serving abroad. They have to leave behind their families, homes and way of life to defend ours. They make the ultimate sacrifices, so that we don't have to. We ask that they come home safe and there isn't a happier time for veterans or families than when they touch down at home.

For the New York Islanders and MSC Industrial Supply Co., the opportunity to bring veterans home, show them our appreciation and help them settle back in is an honor. That's why the Isles are proud to announce that MSC has partnered with the team to sponsor the Welcome Home Veterans program.

“We couldn't be more excited about seeing so many brave men and women who have protected our freedoms returning home,” said Eileen McGuire, Executive Vice President, Human Resources at MSC Industrial Supply Co. “We are humbled and privileged to support the Islanders and welcome our heroes home through the Welcome Home Veterans program.”

The Islanders expressed a similar sentiment.

“There might be no more important program we have than Welcome Home Veterans,” said Justin Johnson, Islanders Senior Vice President of Corporate Partnerships &

Marketing. “It’s an absolute privilege to honor our country’s greatest heroes at every Islanders home game and it’s a credit to MSC Industrial Supply Co. that they wanted to play a big part in welcoming home these wonderful men and women. God bless America.”

In addition to welcoming veterans to enjoy and root for the New York Islanders, MSC is actively involved in helping America’s veterans return successfully from their tour.

“We are very fortunate to be able to partner with the New York Islanders and other caring organizations, such as Home for Our Troops and USACares, to help our veterans have a successful and enjoyable return to their homes. These partnerships enable MSC to invest in programs that help our veterans acquire new skills, learn new trades and use new tools that will help them have a more successful and enriching return,” said Alessandra Cavalluzzi, MSC’s senior manager of community relations.

Founded in 1972, and this season celebrating their 40-year anniversary, the New York Islanders Hockey Club stands proudly as Long Island’s sole major league professional sports franchise. Keep up with breaking Islanders news on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NEWYORKISLANDERS and on Twitter [@NYIslanders](https://twitter.com/NYIslanders). For further information on any individual/group ticket options or sponsorship opportunities, contact the team’s office at (516) 501-6700 or e-mail customerservice@newyorkislanders.com. For more team information, log on to newyorkislanders.com.

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