



## Rosebank intersection ceremonially renamed

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were killed during the Vietnam War - is one of Coccozza's legacies.

He participated actively in other community activities as a member of the Staten Island Elks Club, Richmond County Moose Lodge, the Rosebank Boys, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, John D. Kearney Division III.

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Coccozza, who served in Vietnam from 1969-1970, was president of the Thomas J. Tori chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, and commander and executive board president of the Halloran chapter of Disabled American Veterans.

He also served as senior commander of the Richmond County Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and was a member of Labetti Post, VFW; the Cespino-Russo and Kells-Grennie posts of the American Legion; and the Catholic War Veterans.

The "Ride for the 84" - an annual 12-mile run where motorcyclists remember the 84 Staten Islanders who



At the street renaming ceremony, at the corner of Ormond Place and St. Mary's Avenue in Rosebank, were Michael Coccozza's wife, Linda, left, and his daughter, Robin Coccozza. (Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores)

The street renaming was sponsored by City Council members James S. Oddo (R-Mid-Island/Brooklyn) and Debi Rose (D-North Shore).

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