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## County Executive Neuhaus helps to recognize Ed Pavlich's 50-year career at ShopRite

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Vietnam Veteran and Gold Star father's last day at grocery store will be later this week

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus helped Ed Pavlich celebrate his retirement after a 50-year career with ShopRite at a luncheon with approximately 25 employees at the Dolson Avenue store in Middletown on Wednesday.

Pavlich, 67, is a Port Jervis native and served in Vietnam. His son Brian was killed at Fort Drum in 2003 in a helicopter accident while serving in the U.S. Army.

"Ed's longevity is impressive and rarely found today," Neuhaus said. "He is well liked and respected by his friends and colleagues, and has been an asset to ShopRite and its customers. I congratulate him on a great run and a successful career."

Pavlich began working at ShopRite on November 8, 1967 as a part-time Frozen Food clerk and quickly rose to become a Frozen Foods manager. His last day in the Dolson Avenue store before he retires will be at the end of the week.

Pavlich has served as a volunteer firefighter for Port Jervis Hose Co. No 6 since he was 18. He is actively involved with the Vietnam War Veterans Charter Member 140 and the VFW Post 160. In retirement, Pavlich plans on spending time with his family, children and especially his seven grandchildren.

Pavlich is an avid fly fisherman and bow/gun hunter and has a home in Sandy Creek, located a half mile from Lake Ontario.

"Ed's dedicated service to his country and community are appreciated," Neuhaus said. "His retirement is well earned and I wish Ed and his family all the best in the future."

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Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus and Ed Pavlich at the ShopRite on Dolson Avenue in Middletown on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.