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The RWU Law Military Law Society (MIL) conceived and directed our first-ever Veterans Day Celebration. On a stunningly beautiful fall afternoon, dignitaries including U.S. Senator Jack Reed, U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Congressman David Cicilline, and RWU President Dr. Donald Farish were in Bristol to celebrate those from Roger Williams Law who have, and are, serving.

The ceremony had 3 purposes. First, to honor a beloved member of the RWU Law family, Adjunct Professor Bill Coffey, who served in the Navy 1962-65. Bill suddenly passed away over the previous weekend, and we were crushed to learn that we would no longer bask in the glow of his warm smile and friendly manner.

We also dedicated a tree to the memory of Nathan Schuldhiess, RWU Law class of 2005, who was killed while engaging in counterterrorism patrols in Iraq. His father, Jeff, addressed a crowd of students, faculty, staff, and alums thanking the law school for continuing to remember his son.

Finally, Senators Reed and Whitehouse unveiled the “Veterans of Valor” project, a pictorial representation of the dozens of connections that the RWU Law family has with the armed services, pictures that spanned WWII to Afghanistan.

Kudos to MIL, and especially its leaders, Army 2LT Tunde Adepegba (Buffalo, NY), Army 2LT Liz McNamara (North Providence, RI), Army CPT Christina Wight (Milford, MI), Army SSG Zahrah Taylor (Brooklyn, NY), and Garret Borrosh (Jacksonville, FL), for not just their service to our country, but for their leadership inside the School of Law.

Here are some pictures from that remarkable day.