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## Richard Warren

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As an original member of the Montford Point Marines, a segregated unit of the U.S. Marines during World War II, Richard Warren knows a thing or two about struggle and determination.

When he returned home from the war, Mr. Warren dedicated himself to helping others, ensuring that all veterans were awarded the opportunities he never had.

Recently, Mr. Warren has helped dozens of veterans obtain their security officer licenses through a training and certification program he runs at the Roosevelt American Legion, where he is a Past Commander. Mr. Warren also inspired the construction of a new monument at the Brigadier General George A. Jones Triangle, bearing the names of 39 war veterans currently living in Roosevelt.

Given his humble demeanor, you would never suspect just how much Mr. Warren has done for the veteran community. In fact, he and his fellow Montford Point Marines inspired the historic integration of the U.S. Marines and paved the way for thousands of African Americans to serve their country. Mr. Warren was honored in Washington, D.C., as he and his fellow Montford Marines were presented with the Congressional Gold Medal. He was also presented with the 2013 Veterans Service Award from the Town of Hempstead.