

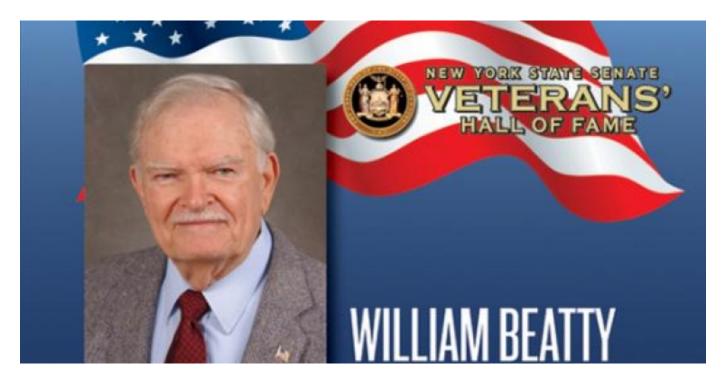
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Senator Flanagan Proudly Inducts Bill Beatty Into Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame

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Senator John J. Flanagan (2nd Senate District) recently had the privilege of presenting Mr. Bill Beatty of Centereach as his honoree for induction into the New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame at a special ceremony in Albany. Mr. Beatty, who was accompanied at the ceremony by his wife Veronica, was honored for his service to his country during the Korean War and his continued dedication to fellow veterans since his service ended. Mr. Beatty served as a Corporal in the 40th Infantry Division, 160th Infantry Regiment as part of the Regimental Combat Team and saw action in the Iron Triangle – the area in Korea bounded by Ch'orwon, Kumhwa, and Pyonggang.

Following his honorable service, he dedicated himself to helping other veterans with a special emphasis on those who call the Long Island State Veteran's Home in Stony Brook their home. He has been a member of the LISVH's Veterans Advisory Board since 1999 and has been its chairman for the past eight years.

For over fifteen years, Mr. Beatty served as the 2nd Vice President for Korean War Veterans, Central Long Island Chapter, and he has been an active member of the Advisory Board of the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency for the past 20 years.

Mr. Beatty's most enduring legacy to the veterans of Long Island is in the creation, development and design of the Suffolk County Gold Star Memorial in Armed Forces Plaza in Hauppauge. This memorial serves as a lasting tribute to the families that have lost a loved one in service to our country.

"Mr. Beatty has dedicated himself to his country and his fellow veterans for decades and it is my privilege to try to show him how much his efforts mean to our community and our state. As someone who has worked closely with him on behalf of the residents of the Long Island State Veterans' Home, I know first-hand his caring and his dedication for these men and women and look forward to continuing that partnership in the coming years. He is a true American and someone our entire community should be proud to call our own," stated Senator Flanagan.

The New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves both in

military and civilian life. Their meritorious service to our nation deserves the special recognition that only a Hall of Fame can provide, as a fitting expression of our gratitude and admiration.

Please click here if you would like to view the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame web page which includes biographies of all the men and women who have been inducted.