



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Ritchie Now Accepting Veterans Hall of Fame Nominations

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**Veterans to be Honored at Fort Drum Ceremony on May 15<sup>th</sup>**

State Senator Patty Ritchie has announced she is now accepting nominations for the New York State Senate's Veterans Hall of Fame program.

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The Hall of Fame pays tribute to New Yorkers who have served their country in the US Armed Forces and made significant contributions to their communities.

“Throughout the past several years I have had the opportunity to recognize so many men and women who have made tremendous sacrifices in their lives by serving in our Armed Forces,” said Senator Ritchie.

“What’s so impressive though, is that even after leaving the service, they continue to contribute to our communities in very significant ways. I’m honored to once again be able to recognize the veterans in our region who are making a difference and look forward to hearing the stories of this year’s nominees.”

Each State Senator can induct one veteran annually, who will be honored at a special ceremony in Albany on May 20<sup>th</sup>. All nominees from Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties will be recognized locally at an event to be held at Ft. Drum on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Last year, Col. (Ret.) Terrence Roche was selected as Senator Ritchie’s inductee to the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. A 26-year military veteran, Col. Roche was serving as a Garrison Commander when the announcement was made in 1984 that Fort Drum would be home to the 10th Mountain Division. Col. Roche was instrumental in the planning and initial execution of the \$1.2 billion construction project and the rapid expansion of the installation.

Veterans’ posts, family members and community leaders in Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties can make nominations. Nomination forms are [available here](#), or can be sent to individuals by calling (315) 782-3418. Nominations must be received by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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.