



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Ritchie Honors 16 of America's Heroes at "Veterans Hall of Fame" Ceremony

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As the nation continues to celebrate National Military Appreciation Month, State Senator Patty Ritchie honored 16 veterans from throughout Central and Northern New York Thursday, at her annual "Veterans Hall of Fame" ceremony, which took place at the U.S. Army Reserve Center near Fort Drum.

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"There are people we paid tribute to today, who fought in some of history's most dangerous battles, including, the Invasion of Normandy, Iwo Jima and the Battle of the Bulge, as well as more recent conflicts in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan," said Senator Ritchie.

“These are moments in our history that movies are made about and that bestselling novels are based on. The remarkable thing is, these American heroes lived it. I couldn’t be more humbled to recognize them for the tremendous sacrifices they have made on behalf of this great nation.”

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Veterans were nominated for induction into the Veterans Hall of Fame by family, friends, co-workers and comrades-in-arms for their military service to our nation, and their continuing work and involvement in causes that benefit and improve our local communities.

The following veterans were honored by Senator Ritchie at Thursday’s ceremony:

**Jefferson County**

Thomas “Hank” Henry

Frederick Millard

Bernard E. Palumbo

Gilbert Pearsall

Dr. Eugene Renzi

**Oswego County**

Grover Britton

Donald Buske

Brian AW Campbell

Jack Cottet

William Hogan

Donald Keeney

John “Jack” Rucynski

William Volcko

**St. Lawrence County**

Dalton Foster

Joseph McCarthy

Michael Edward McCarthy

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Pictured in the above photo from left to right are:

*Bottom row: Joseph McCarthy, Donald Keeney, William Hogan, Grover Britton, William Volcko, Sarah Palumbo (accepting on behalf of Bernard Palumbo), and Nancy Foster (accepting on behalf of Dalton Foster)*

*Top Row: Michael Edward McCarthy, John “Jack” Rucynski, Thomas “Hank” Henry, Dr. Eugene Renzi, Donna Reynolds (accepting on behalf of Donald Buske), Gilbert Pearsall, Frederick Millard and Senator Patty Ritchie.*