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## Senator Jeff Klein Honors Analiza Benjamin at 2015 Veterans Hall of Fame Celebration

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### *Klein Celebrates Remarkable Achievements of Local Bronxite & True American Hero*

**BRONX, NY** - In celebration of the remarkable achievements of military service members across the State of New York, **Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester)** today honored Analiza Benjamin, Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve Nurse Corps. and North Bronx Healthcare Network Senior Associate Director for Nursing Administration at the 2015 Veterans Hall of Fame Celebration in Albany.

“For the distinguished men and women in uniform who have proudly served this country, the American people owe you a great debt of gratitude. I am proud to stand with my colleagues in government to honor and celebrate Analiza Benjamin who has served in the U.S. Navy Reserve for nearly 20 years,” **said Senator Jeff Klein.** “Analiza is an inspiration to us all -- bravely fighting for the ideals, democracy and freedom we hold dear. I applaud Analiza for the tremendous sacrifices she has made over the years, and it is with great pleasure that I stand here today to honor a true Bronxite and American hero.”

Ms. Benjamin, a Pelham Bay native and mother of three, recently returned from active military duty in Kabul, Afghanistan where she worked as a senior advisor to the National Military Hospital. While deployed overseas, Ms. Benjamin authored the first complete pharmacology reference manual for the hospital’s nursing department, while working with international military partners and health officials to educate and train all nursing staff at the 400-bed coordinated-care facility.

In her role as Senior Associate Director of Nursing Administration at the North Bronx Healthcare Network, Ms. Benjamin oversees the operation and clinical staffing of the hospital to ensure both patient safety and satisfaction. Ms. Benjamin is also responsible for the development and implementation of the nursing department’s policies and procedures. Prior to her service in Afghanistan, Ms. Benjamin participated in humanitarian medical missions in Thailand and her native Philippines.

“As an immigrant to the United States, being inducted into the Veterans’ Hall of Fame means a great deal to me. Serving in the U.S. Navy Reserve Corps. has been an extremely rewarding experience that has opened many doors,” **said Analiza Benjamin, Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve Nurse Corps. and Senior Associate Director of Nursing Administration at the North Bronx Healthcare Network.** “Thank you to Senator Klein for this tremendous honor. I am proud to represent my fellow service men and women in New York and across the country here

today.”

First established in 2005, the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame honors and recognizes outstanding service members from New York who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life.