

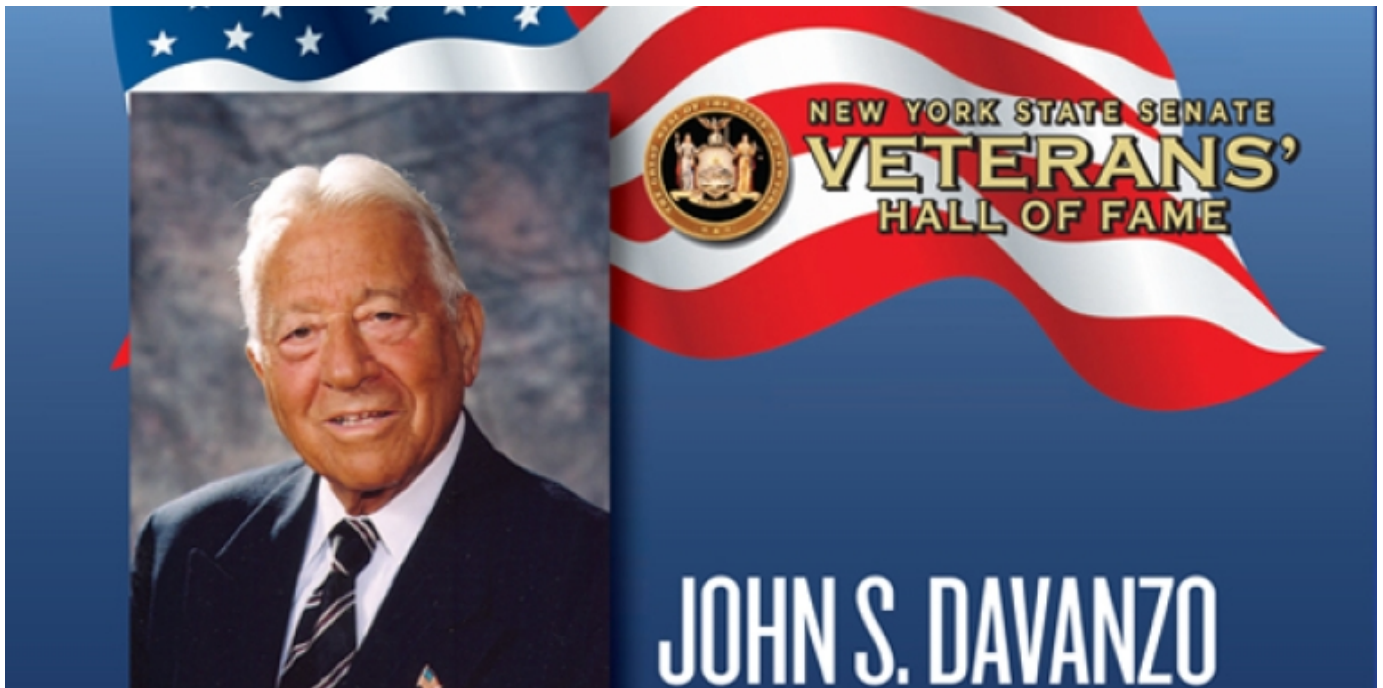


NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jack M. Martins

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**Award:** Veterans' Hall of Fame

**Year:** 2011

On June 8, 1944, during the invasion of Normandy, the U.S.S. Glennon, a Gleaves-class destroyer, struck a mine off Normandy and was eventually sunk by shore batteries. Among the survivors was John S. Davanzo.

John returned to his hometown of Mineola after his service in World War II. Those who came to know him over the years marvel at his involvement in his community and the care and compassion he shows for others.

Living each day as though it is a gift, John's love of life and his kind and generous spirit has had a profound impact on numerous organizations and fellow citizens over the years. John has dedicated his time to numerous organizations such as the Mineola Volunteer Fire Department, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis and Rotary among others as well as to the veterans organizations in his hometown - the Veterans of Foreign Wars Private Adolph Block Post #1305 and the American Legion Mineola Memorial Post #349. John has even found time to volunteer at St. Francis Hospital and at Mineola Village Hall.

In his professional life, John served in government as the Deputy Mayor of Mineola as well as Town of North Hempstead Councilman and also Town of North Hempstead Clerk.

John answered the call when his country needed him the most, serving in the United States Navy. He never takes a moment for granted. For John, each day is an opportunity to help someone and his community.