

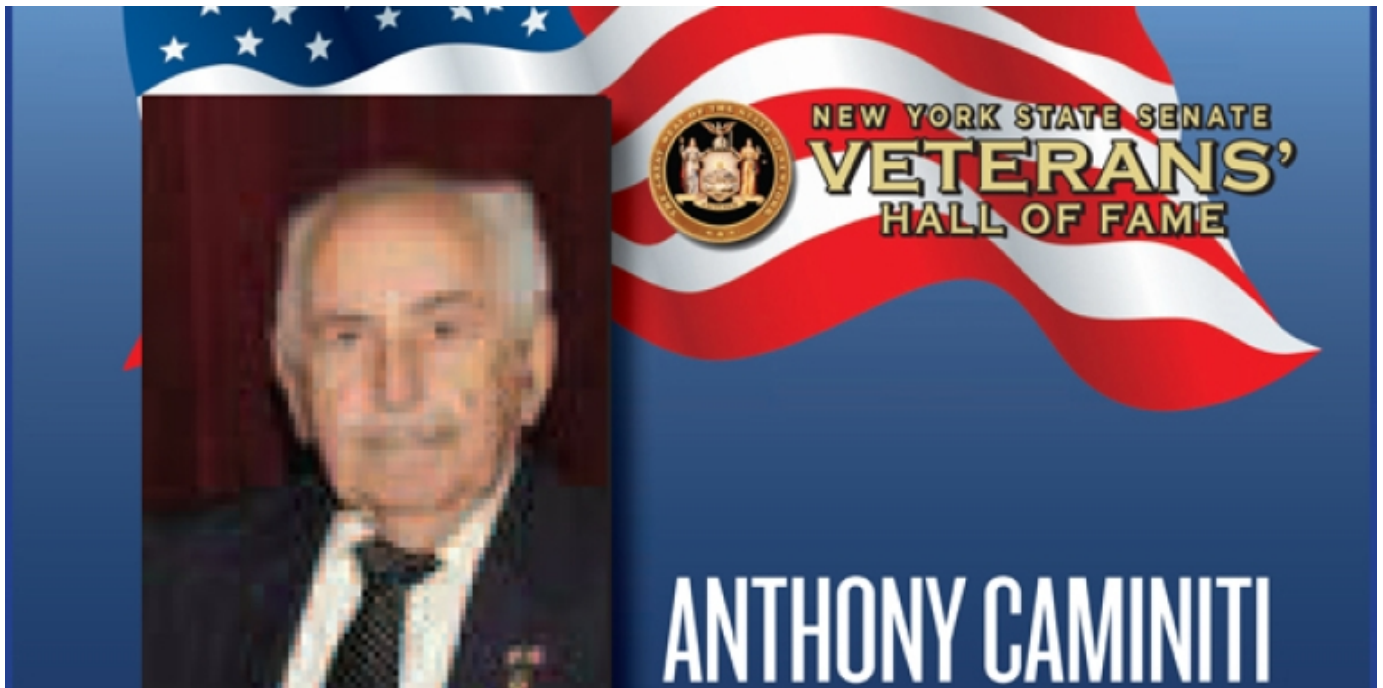


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**Award:** Veterans' Hall of Fame

**Year:** 2011

U.S. Army

In 1942, Anthony Caminiti was drafted into the Army at the age of 30. He served three years as a Technical Sergeant in Europe within the 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division. His division liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany and freed 32,000 starving prisoners. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star and the conspicuous Service Cross.

Upon his arrival from the war, Anthony Caminiti continued in the business sector as a partner in 2 thriving businesses. One, a moving business that he operated along the east coast. The second, as president and partner of Central Queens Furniture, the largest store of its kind in the borough.

In 1970, Anthony Caminiti's community involvement led to his appointment as Chair of the Corona Task Force. In that capacity, he served well by incorporating new ideas and providing numerous presentations to the local community board. This work led to a permanent appointment at Community Board 4, where through much effort and dedication he eventually worked his way up as chair of the prestigious Parks and Recreation Committee. In addition,

Mr. Caminiti is the past president of the Northside Democratic Association; Director of the Joseph Lisa Hall; and continues to be an active member in the Order of the Sons of Italy, the Corona Lions Club, St. Leo's Holy Name Society, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Flanders Field Post 150 in Corona.

Anthony Caminiti has been a life-long resident of Corona, Queens, for all of his 99 years of life. His wife passed away a few years ago and he has three daughters. He has dedicated his

life to his family and his community. He often jokes, "I don't have much time for hobbies, I'm involved in a lot already. I began working from an early age and I've been comfortable living this way.