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## Battle of the Bulge Veterans

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**Award:** Veterans' Hall of Fame

**Year:** 2011

Oswego County “Battle of the Bulge” Veterans

The Oswego County “Battle of the Bulge” Veterans helped beat back Hitler’s Ardennes Offensive during the winter of 1944-45. By all accounts, the war in Western Europe was winding down when the Nazis mounted a surprise gambit along the Belgian frontier that Winston Churchill called, “undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war” – and its bloodiest, with 89,500 casualties.

Brothers in combat, the Oswego County “Battle of the Bulge” Veterans have remained a force over decades of service to their communities. Members continue to meet regularly and, in addition to their individual success in business, industry, education, government and professional baseball, band together to perform educational service for their neighbors and friends, sharing their stories and military traditions with new generations.

The Oswego County “Battle of the Bulge” Veterans is among the largest gathering of soldiers from a single engagement in the nation. Members include:

**Oswego County Battle of the Bulge Veterans**

SSgt. John M. Canale, Chairman

Pvt. Harold Blake

SSgt. Matt Bush\*

Don Buske

PO2 Fred Crisafulli

Don Cronan\*

Carl Dickinson\*

Cpl. Bill Hogan

Don Kitts\*

W.O.J.G Len Lambert

Pfc. Bill Leighton

Sgt. Fred Lockwood

Pfc. Len Maniccia

Tec5 Alfred Myhill

Pfc. Bob Ochsenbern

SSgt. Phil Pecora

Sfc. Charles Phallen

Carmen Santore\*

Charles Scaglione\*

Justin Baum (Afghanistan)

QM2 Alex Beattle (Korea)

Sgt. Myles Becky (Vietnam)

Tom Halpin (Korea)

\* deceased

Their sacrifice, patriotism, service and dedication to community and country have earned them a place in the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame.