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SENATOR RITCHIE HONORS CNY AND NNY VETERANS

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39 Veterans from Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties Recognized

State Senator Patty Ritchie honored 39 veterans from across Central and Northern New York at a special ceremony at Ft. Drum.

“I’m honored to have the opportunity to say ‘thanks’ to these brave men and women who have one of the toughest, most selfless jobs there is—the job of protecting our freedom,” Senator Ritchie said.

“Their service has taken them across the globe—from Korea to Afghanistan—and they continue to serve even after returning home. We will never be able to repay the debt we owe these men and women, but we

should take every opportunity we get to recognize their sacrifice.”

The 39 veterans all were nominated 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.

Each nominee was presented with a plaque outlining highlights of their service at the ceremony, which was held at USO Ft. Drum’s Heritage Center. Representatives of the Army’s 10th Mountain Division were also on-hand to recognize the honorees.

Full biographies of all the honorees can be found by [clicking this link](#).