

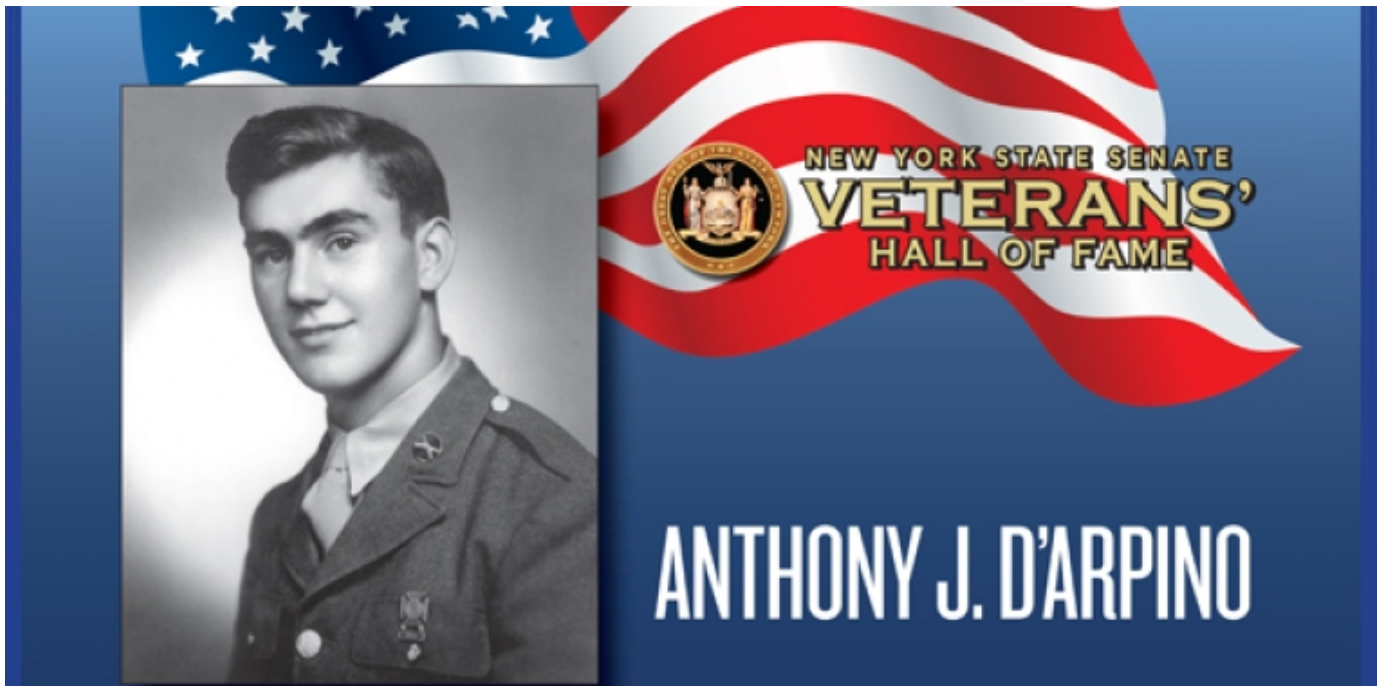


NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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**Award:** Honoring Our Veterans

**Year:** 2012

A U.S. Army Sergeant from March 1943 to February 1945, Anthony J. D'Arpino served in the United States Army during World War II. He was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Purple Heart for his valor. D'Arpino received several other awards for his courageous service to his country including the bronze star, combat infantry badge, Presidential Unit Citation for Rhine River Crossing, and European Theatre of Operations medal.

Anthony D'Arpino displayed superior bravery and courage while in uniform and his on-going service to his community is equally impressive. He has given a great deal of time and energy to the development of young people as a Cub Scouts pack leader, youth basketball and baseball coach, and member and president of the Herkimer Central School Board of Education.

D'Arpino has been a long-standing advocate for New York's libraries, serving as trustee and president on the Herkimer Library Board, the Mid-York Library Board and the New York State Library Board.

D'Arpino has also worked tirelessly to ensure his fellow veterans receive the benefits and recognition they truly deserve. He has advised United States Congressional representatives on issues important to veterans, assisted in the making of a special film to allow veterans to tell their personal stories, and distributed flags for display at the gravesites of veterans. Tony continues to make regular trips to the Syracuse VA Medical Center to visit veterans and distribute robes and slippers.

Perhaps most dear to his heart though is the Purple Heart award. His name is listed on the roll of honor at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, New York, and the

Military Order of the Purple Heart flag is now fl own above Yankee Stadium due to D'Arpino's tireless efforts.