

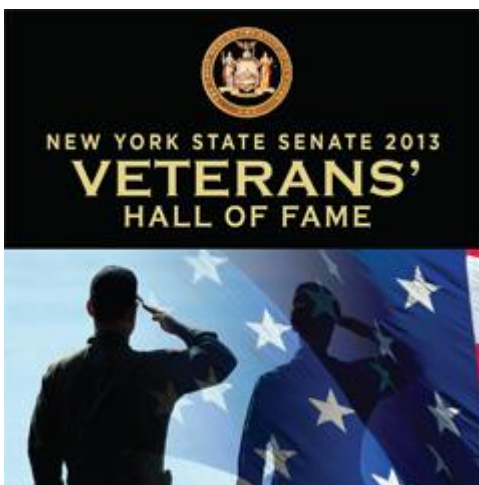


NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Francis H. Romanitch

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**Award:** Honoring Our Veterans

**Year:** 2013

The youngest of four brothers, Francis H. Romanitch was born at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, New York. Upon graduating from West Babylon High School in 2003, Warrant Officer Romanitch enlisted in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve where he went on to excel in his training and his duties.

In November 2011, Warrant Officer Romanitch was activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, completing a successful tour in Afghanistan, working in the Special Equipment Items section, 1st Maintenance Battalion, at Camp Leatherneck.

Warrant Officer Romanitch has received numerous awards and citations with the United States Marine Corps in recognition of his outstanding service. While deployed to combat operations in Afghanistan, he earned a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal while serving as Special Equipment Items Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge. The award citation reads, "...Romanitch's efforts ensured the anti-terrorism and force protection equipment at remote forward operating bases, command outposts and patrol bases throughout the area of operations remained fully functional... His initiative, perseverance and total dedication to duty reflected credit upon him and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

Warrant Officer Romanitch is known among members of his community for his honesty, integrity and loyalty. He has been a member of the Babylon Post 94 of The American Legion for eight years, where he helps recruit members to the Post and assists with coordinating annual Toys for Tots Campaigns. His hobbies include surfing, Mixed Martial Arts, and spending time on the water with friends and family.