



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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**Award:** Honoring Our Veterans

**Year:** 2014

Joseph G. Pollicino served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966-68. His service included a tour in Vietnam with Lima Co. 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

Mr. Pollicino was awarded a Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation with 2 Bronze Stars, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, Meritorious Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with Palm & Frame), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Actions Color with Palm & Frame) and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Following honorable discharge as a Corporal, Joseph began a career with Grand Union Co. and was an Assistant Manager in several locations in the Capital District. Mr. Pollicino left Grand Union in 1973, and began a career with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). During his time with the USPS, he was appointed to various committees by the District Manager, including the Veteran's Committee, District Delivery Team, Leadership Committee and District Coordinator for Delivery Point Sequencing.

Mr. Pollicino was awarded the "Million Mile Award" by the USPS for driving million miles without an accident. He was an active member/officer with the National Association of Letter Carriers, serving as Treasurer, VicePresident, Executive VicePresident and President. Mr. Pollicino also served on the New York State Executive Boards and retired from the USPS in 2004.

Mr. Pollicino served as Albany County Director of the Veterans' Services Bureau from 2005-2010; he also served as Acting Director for a brief period in 2012. In addition, Mr. Pollicino has been very active in the community, involved in many organizations, including: Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans (founding member and also prior president); 1st Marine

Division Association and the Capt. Wm. Dale O'Brien Detachment (awarded "Marine of the Year," 1999). He is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8444, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 10 and American Legion Post 1520.

In addition, Joseph served as Chairman of the Albany County Joint Veterans' Committee, New York State State Vietnam Memorial, Albany Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and the Town of Colonie Memorial Committees. He has been married to his wife, Joyce, since 1969. They have two sons and six grandchildren.