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Senator Martins Honors Vietnam Veterans for Their Service

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Senator Jack M. Martins (R-7th Senate District) recently joined with the Long Island Air Force Association in honoring 39 local Vietnam veterans for their brave and devoted service to our nation. The ceremony was held on Armed Forces Day at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

Each of the veterans received the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal, which were issued as part of the national Vietnam War Commemoration. The federal government created the commemoration to honor and pay tribute to all Vietnam veterans.

The Long Island Air Force Association is one of the US Department of Defense's commemorative partner organizations which works to ensure that Long Island's Vietnam veterans are recognized and thanked for their service.

Senator Martins attended the ceremony and, together with Major General Anthony Kropp (retired) and Colonel Michael Bank, Commanding Officer of the 106th Rescue Wing-Air National Guard, presented the veterans with their medals and thanked each of them for serving our country.

"Each of these men answered the call to serve, made sacrifices, and fought bravely to defend our country. Like all veterans, they deserve to hear 'thank you.' They are heroes in every sense of the word and deserve the recognition and gratitude they received," said Senator Martins.