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## John B. Sampson Inducted Into The New York State Senate's Veterans' Hall of Fame

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ALBANY – John B. Sampson, a decorated Vietnam era veteran and former Veteran Service Officer for Cattaraugus County, was inducted into the New York State Senate's Veterans' Hall of Fame.

As part of the state Senate's annual Veterans' Hall of Fame Ceremony, Mr. Sampson was nominated by Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I- 57th District) to be recognized for his service

to the nation and his fellow veterans.

“John Sampson has a distinguished service record and time-and-again has proven himself dedicated to his fellow veterans. Members of the Navy often use the phrase ‘Non sibi sed patriae’, which in Latin means ‘Not for self but for country,’ and I can think of no better description for how Mr. Sampson has lived his life,” said Senator Young.

“His devotion to his country and to fellow veterans goes above and beyond the call of duty. It was an honor to be able to recognize him and have his story memorialized in the state’s history,” Senator Young said.

John Sampson bravely joined the United States Navy and served honorably from August 1967 to February 1972 with assignments on the USS Fremont, APA 44 and at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, as part of a joint military command. He was honorably discharged with the rank 2nd Class Personnel Man (E5).

His dedication, courage and hard work earned him numerous awards, including an Air Force Commendation, a Navy Good Conduct, a National Defense Service Ribbon, and following his service, a New York State Conspicuous Service Medal.

After completing his military service, Mr. Sampson became an accredited Veteran Service Officer for Cattaraugus County, a position he held with distinction for over two decades. During that time he developed protocols and procedures that are now used statewide.

Along with his work as a Veterans Service Officer, Mr. Sampson has held numerous leadership positions in several veterans organizations. He has been active within the American Legion, holding positions at post, county, department and national levels, and is the leading candidate to be State Commander for the American Legion Department of New York. If elected, he will become the first person from Cattaraugus County to hold the title in

the Legion's nearly 100-year history. In addition, Mr. Sampson has held positions within the American Legion as the National Chairman Veterans Education, Other Benefits and Homeless; Vice Chairman, Nation Americanism Commission; Department Chairman, Rehabilitation Committee; Department Chairman, Resolutions Committee; Dean, American Legion College of New York; and past Department Service Officer of the Year.

A Past President of New York State Veterans Service Officer Association, Mr. Sampson was the founder of the Cattaraugus-Allegany Joint Veterans Council Volunteer Van Service and remains active in the program. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the World War II Museum and is a member of Local Draft Board #90 Selective Service.

In addition to being a member of the American Legion, Mr. Sampson is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sons of the American Legion.

Mr. Sampson's full biography will remain on display in perpetuity in the Senate's Veterans' Hall of Fame online directory. A copy of the biography can be seen at <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/catharine-young/john-b-sampson>.