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Gary Schacher of Cobleskill is a twenty-six-year Navy veteran who proudly served our nation in the Battle of Fallujah, one of the bloodiest battles of the Iraq War. The decorated veteran received four Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals, six Good Conduct Medals, the Navy Expert Pistol Medal, and the Navy Expert Rifle Medal, to name a few.

True to the nature of so many service members, Mr. Schacher is constantly pursuing avenues to support his fellow veterans. He established the Patriot Highlander Challenge, an

annual obstacle course race that raises money to benefit wounded veterans and support networks in New York State. Many disabled veterans take part in the inspirational event in Cobleskill each

fall. Mr. Schacher is also a founding member of the Leatherstocking Honor Flight, dedicated to transporting World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to experience the World War II Memorial. On top of these, he is a member of the American Legion Riders, Combat Vets Motorcycle Association, and a life member of the VFW.

Mr. Schacher's dedication to his community and our next generation of leaders is undeniable. He has been instrumental in revitalizing the American Legion Boys State and High School Oratorical Scholarship programs in Schoharie County and in establishing an American Legion youth baseball team at Timothy Murphy Post 248.

Mr. Schacher has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to his country, his fellow service members and his community. His contributions, both in and out of uniform, are well deserving of our eternal respect and admiration.