



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Ritchie Honors 27 Local Heroes At Veterans Hall Of Fame Ceremony

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State Senator Patty Ritchie honored 27 veterans from Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties at her annual “Veterans Hall of Fame” ceremony at the Dobisky Center in Ogdensburg on Monday.

“It’s so humbling to be able to honor these brave veterans and simply put, we cannot thank them enough for their dedication to protecting the freedoms of this great nation and its people,” said Senator Ritchie. “From storming the beaches of Normandy during WWII, to

more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, these brave individuals embody what it truly means to be a hero. Without their selflessness and sacrifices, we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we have today.”

Joining Senator Ritchie during this special ceremony was the Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division, Major General Walter Piatt.

“The veterans who were honored at today’s ceremony are the definition of heroes and their bravery is truly an inspiration,” said Major General Walter Piatt. “On behalf of the entire 10th Mountain Division, thank you for your unwavering dedication to protecting our freedoms and our country.”

Members of the Heuvelton AMVETS Color Guard posted the colors during the ceremony and Sloane Ryan, a high school student from Ogdensburg Free Academy, sang the National Anthem.

These Central and Northern New York veterans were nominated for induction into the New York State Senate’s Veterans Hall of Fame by family, friends, co-workers and comrades-in-arms for their military service to our nation, and their continuing work and involvement in causes that benefit and improve our local communities, especially for soldiers and veterans.

Senator Ritchie honored the following veterans at Monday’s ceremony:

*Ronald Ralph Bauter of LaFargeville: Air Force*

*Richard L. Berghorn of Tylerville: Air Force*

*David Bulterman Sr. of Alexandria Bay: Navy*

*Joseph Scott Chrisman of Watertown: Army*

*Dr. Robert J. Kasulke of Watertown: Army*

*Thomas F. LaClair of Clayton: Air Force*

*Shon Lynn Montgomery of Adams: Army*

*Joseph Morisette of Cape Vincent: Air Force*

*Dr W. Barton Van Slyke of Watertown: Army*

*David W. Waite of Carthage: Army*

*Howard A. Waite of Castorland: Army*

*James Gioia of Phoenix: Army*

*Daniel M. Hunnicutt of Oswego: Army*

*Nicholas J. Mansfield, formerly of Volney: Army Air Corps (deceased)*

*Charles H. Alexander Jr. of Canton: Navy*

*Darrell L. Dailey of Massena: Army*

*Roy B. Forsythe of Gouverneur: Army*

*John F. Freego of Canton: Army*

*Richard Heffron of Gouverneur: Army*

*John McCullough of Ogdensburg: Army*

*David Pearson of Ogdensburg: Army*

*Tracy Lee Sheesley of Canton: Army*

*Robert Shelato, formerly of Massena: Army*

*Robert C. Sheridan of Canton: Army*

*William R. Swafford of South Colton: Navy*

*Robert K. Wilson of Potsdam: Navy*

*Alan J. "Doc" Winney of Lisbon: Navy*

To learn more about the 2017 Veterans Hall of Fame Honroees, please click the above attachment.

*(Attn. photo editors: Senator Ritchie is joined in the above photo with Major General Walter Piatt, Chaplin Booth and the 2017 Veterans Hall of Fame Honorees)*