

Ritchie Honors More Than 60 Local Heroes at "Veterans Hall of Fame" Ceremony

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State Senator Patty Ritchie honored more than 60 veterans from Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence Counties—including over 50 individuals who fought in WWII—at her annual "Veterans Hall of Fame" ceremony at the Dobisky Center in Ogdensburg on Tuesday.

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.

"From critical battles during World War II, to more recent conflicts in the Middle East, these brave individuals have demonstrated what it truly means to be a hero. It is because of their willingness to serve and the sacrifices they, and their families, made that we can enjoy all of the freedoms we have today," said Senator Ritchie. "To honor and personally thank each and every one of these heroes for protecting our great nation and its people is one of the most humbling experiences I will ever have."

Joining Senator Ritchie during this special ceremony was the Deputy Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division, Brigadier General Patrick Donahoe, Fort Drum's Deputy Division Chaplain, Major Joshua Ade—who delivered the invocation—and the 10th Mountain Division Color Guard, which posted the colors. In addition, Jefferson County resident Callie Rapant performed the National Anthem to open Tuesday's ceremony.

Senator Ritchie was pleased to induct the following heroes into her Veterans Hall of Fame:

Jefferson County:

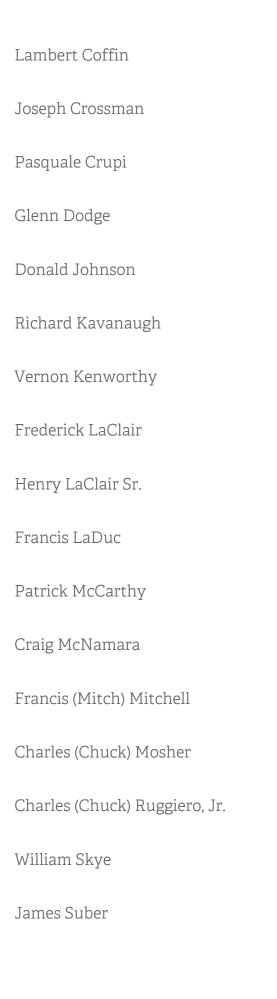
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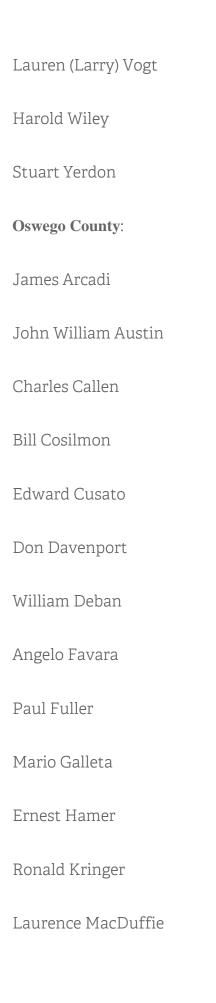
Joseph Brady

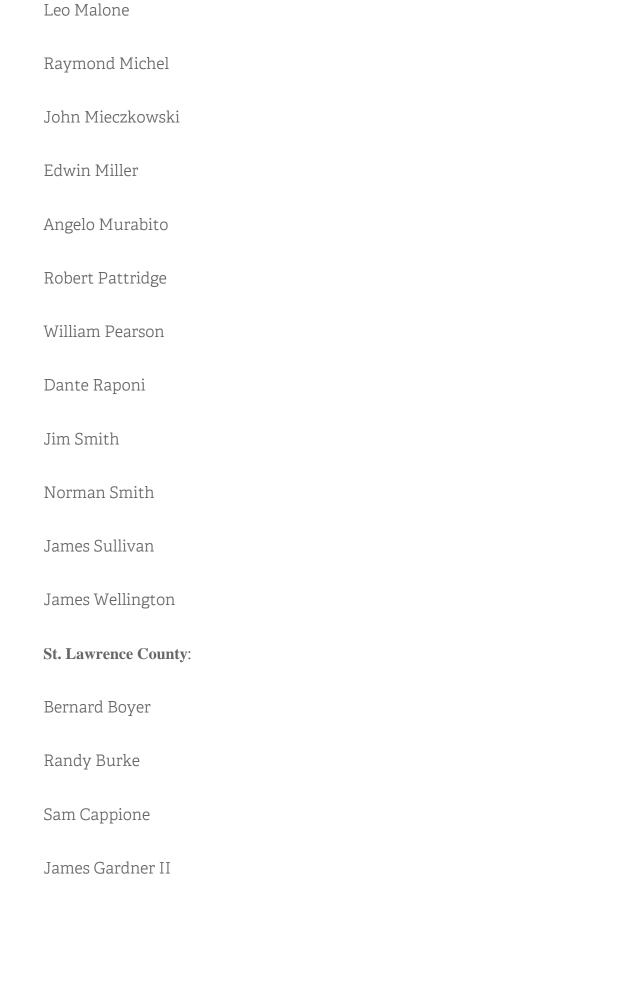
Patrick Brady

Robert Brown

David Brown







James Halpen
William Hosmer
Henry Lantry
William LaPoint
Daniel McCarthy
Jerry Reed
Carl Seymour
William Twining
James Winterbottom
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