

Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick Honors Commander Luke Magliaro as 2025 Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee

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Albany, NY — **Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick** is proud to announce that Commander Luke Magliaro has been selected as her 2025 New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee for Senate District 9.

Commander Magliaro is a decorated U.S. Navy veteran whose distinguished service spanned 30 years. As a Naval Flight Officer during the Vietnam War, he participated in several historic operations, including Operation Baby Lift, Operation Frequent Wind, and the recovery of the

SS Mayagüez, recognized as the final U.S. military action of the Vietnam War. For his service, Commander Magliaro earned numerous commendations, including the Purple Heart, Navy Marine Corps Medal, and Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Following his active-duty service, Commander Magliaro continued his commitment to veterans and his community. He has been an active leader in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), serving in multiple leadership roles at the post, district, state, and national levels. He currently serves as the Veterans Service Counselor for the Town of Hempstead, where he continues to advocate for and assist fellow veterans.

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"Commander Magliaro's courage in combat and decades of leadership in the veteran community truly make him a deserving honoree. He is not only a decorated war hero, but also a tireless advocate for our veterans here at home. From his service in Vietnam to his continued work helping local veterans navigate the support systems they've earned; Commander Magliaro embodies the very best of American service and sacrifice. It is a privilege to honor him and share his story with the people of Senate District 9 and beyond," said Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick.

Commander Magliaro was formally recognized at a ceremony in Albany, alongside fellow inductees from across New York State.