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Senator Mario Mattera Honors Salvatore Riccobono in NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame

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Senator Mario R. Mattera (2nd Senate District) is proud to announce that **Salvatore Riccobono**, a decorated Vietnam veteran, retired NYPD officer, and dedicated community advocate, **has been named to the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame** for the 2nd Senate District.

Mr. Riccobono served in the United States Army Medical Corps from 1965 to 1967, achieving the rank of Specialist E-4. Deployed to Vietnam from May 1966 to May 1967, he was part of a combat support group for helicopter medical evacuations and the 93rd Evacuation Hospital. He played a critical role in medevac missions and humanitarian flights to remote

Montagnard villages, bringing care and hope to regions with no access to basic infrastructure.

Following his military service, Mr. Riccobono continued his commitment to public safety as a New York City Police Officer, serving on the East Village plainclothes unit during one of the city's most turbulent periods. His work took dangerous criminals off the streets and brought stability to a community in need.

In civilian life, Mr. Riccobono has remained deeply involved in veteran and civic service. Since moving to St. James in 1999, he has been a cornerstone of the local veteran community as Junior Vice Commander of VFW Post 395 in St. James, where he's organized Memorial Day and Veterans Day parades for over a decade. He is also active in the Greater St. James Civic Association and the Fraternal Order of Police.

Senator Mattera praised Mr. Riccobono's lifelong dedication to service: "Salvatore Riccobono represents the very best of our nation. From the battlefields of Vietnam to the streets of New York, and now in our own communities here in Suffolk County, he has exemplified honor, bravery, and compassion. I am proud to recognize his sacrifices and contributions by inducting him into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame."

Mr. Riccobono shares his life with his beloved wife, Patty Murray Riccobono, and is the proud father of two sons, James and Daniel. He cherishes his daughters-in-law, Suzanne and Maryvic, and his five grandchildren: Max, Molly, Brady, Emelyn, and Luca.

Through every chapter of his life, Salvatore Riccobono has lived by a steadfast belief in service, sacrifice, and love of country. Senator Mattera and the entire community thank him for his unwavering dedication.

Please [click here](#) to watch video and [here to read Mr. Riccobono's biography](#).