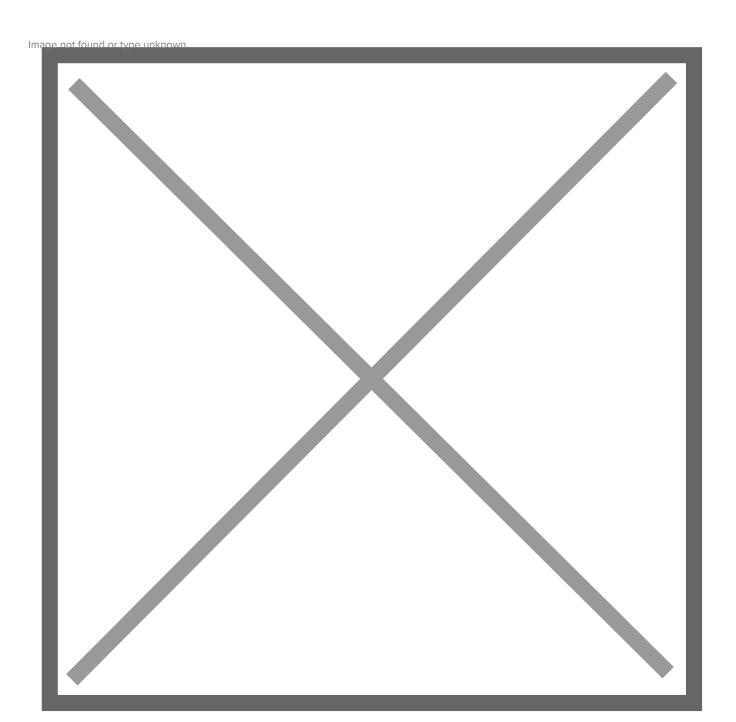


Ritchie to Honor 16 Central and Northern NY Veterans Thursday at Special Ceremony

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State Senator Patty Ritchie will honor 16 veterans from throughout Central and Northern New York at her annual "Veterans Hall of Fame" ceremony, taking place Thursday May 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the U.S. Army Reserve Center, located on Colyer Drive, just outside the gates of Fort Drum.

Veterans were nominated for induction into the 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.

"For the past several years, I've been extremely humbled to have the opportunity to honor such courageous men and women through my Veterans Hall of Fame program," said Senator Ritchie.

"These individuals have fought in some of the most dangerous battles in history, have earned accolades for their bravery and, even after completing their service to our nation, continued to make tremendous contributions to our local communities. I'm looking forward to once again honoring another amazing group of American heroes."

At Thursday's ceremony, the following veterans will be honored:

Jefferson County

Thomas "Hank" Henry

Frederick Millard

Bernard E. Palumbo

Gilbert Pearsall

Dr. Eugene Renzi

Oswego County

Grover Britton

Donald Buske

Brian AW Campbell

Jack Cottet

William Hogan

Donald Keeney

John "Jack" Rucynski

William Volcko

St. Lawrence County

Dalton Foster

Joseph McCarthy

Michael Edward McCarthy