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A lifelong resident of the Greenpoint community, Donald Marshall was drafted into the United States Army on February 27, 1968. During the Vietnam War, about 25 percent of all our military forces were draftees. Mr. Marshall was one of the brave souls whose name was drawn, and he reported diligently and bravely to serve in the United States Army in a time of great need.

After basic and advanced training, Mr. Marshall was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery, 3rd Armored Division in Gelnhausen, Germany, from September 1968 until May

1969. He was then transferred to the 587th Signal Company, 86th Signal Battalion, First Signal Brigade in Tay Ninh, Vietnam, until he completed his active duty on February 20, 1970. In recognition of his valiant service, sacrifice and work ethic, Mr. Marshall attained the rank of Specialist 5 and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his service in Vietnam. His other decorations include the Vietnam Service & Campaign Medals, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, New York State Conspicuous Service Star and Medal for Merit.

Since leaving the service, Mr. Marshall has maintained a desire to remain active in his country, especially in lending a helping hand to his fellow military men. He joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America and Disabled American Veterans as a life member, as well as the American Legion and Catholic War Veterans as a regular member. There, he can work every day to help his fellow Army veterans assimilate to civilian life, and help those who were injured or need other assistance.

Mr. Marshall has served as both Adjutant and Service Officer of American Legion Post #1771, and is current Commander of Pfc. John P. Czachor VFW Post #5806, a position he has held since 2013. Mr. Marshall prides himself on keeping fellow veterans apprised of their benefits as well as changes to veterans benefit regulations.