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## Wendell H. Schillinger

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Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951, Wendell H. Schillinger underwent Airborne Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and served with the 5th Cavalry during the Korean War. After being injured in battle, Mr. Schillinger was treated at a hospital in Japan before being reassigned to the 252nd Truck Company and re-deployed to Korea. When Mr. Schillinger left the United States Army, he was discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Schillinger was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the Korean Service Medal. He also received the NYS Conspicuous Service Medal

and the NYS Medal for Merit.

After completing his military service, Sergeant Schillinger spent 30 years with Hawkeye Aerospace as a development technician. He is an active member of American Legion Ely-Fagan Post 1151 in Henrietta, where he serves on the board of directors. He was instrumental in assisting the Legion with building updates and renovations, which were donated by town and local businesses, saving the Post over \$30,000.

Sergeant Schillinger serves as an advisor to local officials on military issues and helps coordinate numerous community-based events, including the town's veterans concert and the military fly over for the Memorial Day Parade. He was also active in securing state designation for the Henrietta Veterans Memorial Highway. His dedication to the needs of veterans, the American Legion and the community is an inspiration for all.

Sergeant Schillinger has selflessly donated his time, experience and energies wherever and whenever they have been needed. He is a hero not only to our country but to the Town of Henrietta. We thank him for his courageous service to our nation and his continued commitment to his fellow veterans and community.