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Senator Martins, Congresswoman Rice and Long Island Air Force Association Honor Local Vietnam Veterans

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Senator Jack M. Martins (R-7th Senate District), Congresswoman Kathleen Rice and the Long Island Air Force Association recently honored 33 local Vietnam veterans for their brave and devoted service to our nation.

Each of the veterans received the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal at a ceremony held at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. The medals were issued as part of the

national Vietnam War Commemoration, which the federal government created to honor and pay tribute to all Vietnam veterans. The Long Island Air Force Association is one of the US Department of Defense's commemorative partner organizations which works to ensure that Long Island's Vietnam veterans are recognized and thanked for their service.

Senator Martins and Congresswoman Rice presented the veterans with their medals and thanked each of them for serving our country.

"It's important that these local heroes hear something they should've heard as soon as they returned home from Vietnam; 'thank you for your service.' Each of them answered the call to serve, made sacrifices and risked their lives fighting for our country. We can never thank our veterans enough, and this ceremony is another way to show them the respect and appreciation they've earned and deserve for their service," said Senator Martins.

Senator Martins is pictured congratulating one of the Vietnam veterans who received the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal.