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Frank Colon, Jr.

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Frank Colon, Jr. enlisted in the U.S. Army in March 1972, and served 22 years on active duty defending our nation. Mr. Colon valiantly served in the Field Artillery Battalion, Hanau, Germany, Field Artillery Group, Vicenza, Italy, and the 563rd Military Police Company. As a Senior Non Commissioned Officer, he served as Secretary, Combined Staff for General John A. Wickham, and Commander in Chief of all Allied Forces in South Korea. Later, Sgt. Colon was assigned to the United States Army Instructor Group and the United States Army Recruiting Command until he retired as a Sergeant First Class in May 1994.

Sgt. Colon received an impressive array of service awards, which include the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5th Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Good Conduct Medal (7th award), and the Army Recruiting Ring, the highest award that is given in the recruiting command.

Sgt. Colon's outstanding service to the veteran community continues through his leadership and participation in many veteran service organizations. He is the American Legion 10th District Rehab Chairman, Past Nassau County Commander of the American Legion, Past President of the Nassau County United Veterans Organization, current President of the Long Island National Cemetery Military Organization, newly elected Chef de Gare of Nassau County 40 & 8 Voiture 803, member of the Vietnam War Veterans Association, current Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 3350, and Commander of American Legion Post 303.