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BARRY CULHANE TO BE INDUCTED INTO VETERANS' HALL OF FAME

Dr. Barry Culhane of Rochester has been nominated by Senator Alesi for induction into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame in a special ceremony on May 22nd at the State Capitol.

A tenured faculty member and associate professor at RIT since 1981, Dr. Culhane served in the United States Army as a medic from 1969-1971, and has been active in local veterans organizations for over forty years, including twenty years (1987-2006) as the President of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Greater Rochester. Dr. Culhane was instrumental in securing community support and financial resources to complete the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park, and has received numerous honors for his efforts, most notably when Monroe County and the City of Rochester declared September 8, 2006 "Barry Culhane Day" in Monroe County.

The New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State, like Barry Culhane, who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life. Their meritorious service to our nation deserves the special recognition that only a Hall of Fame can provide, as a fitting expression of our gratitude and admiration.

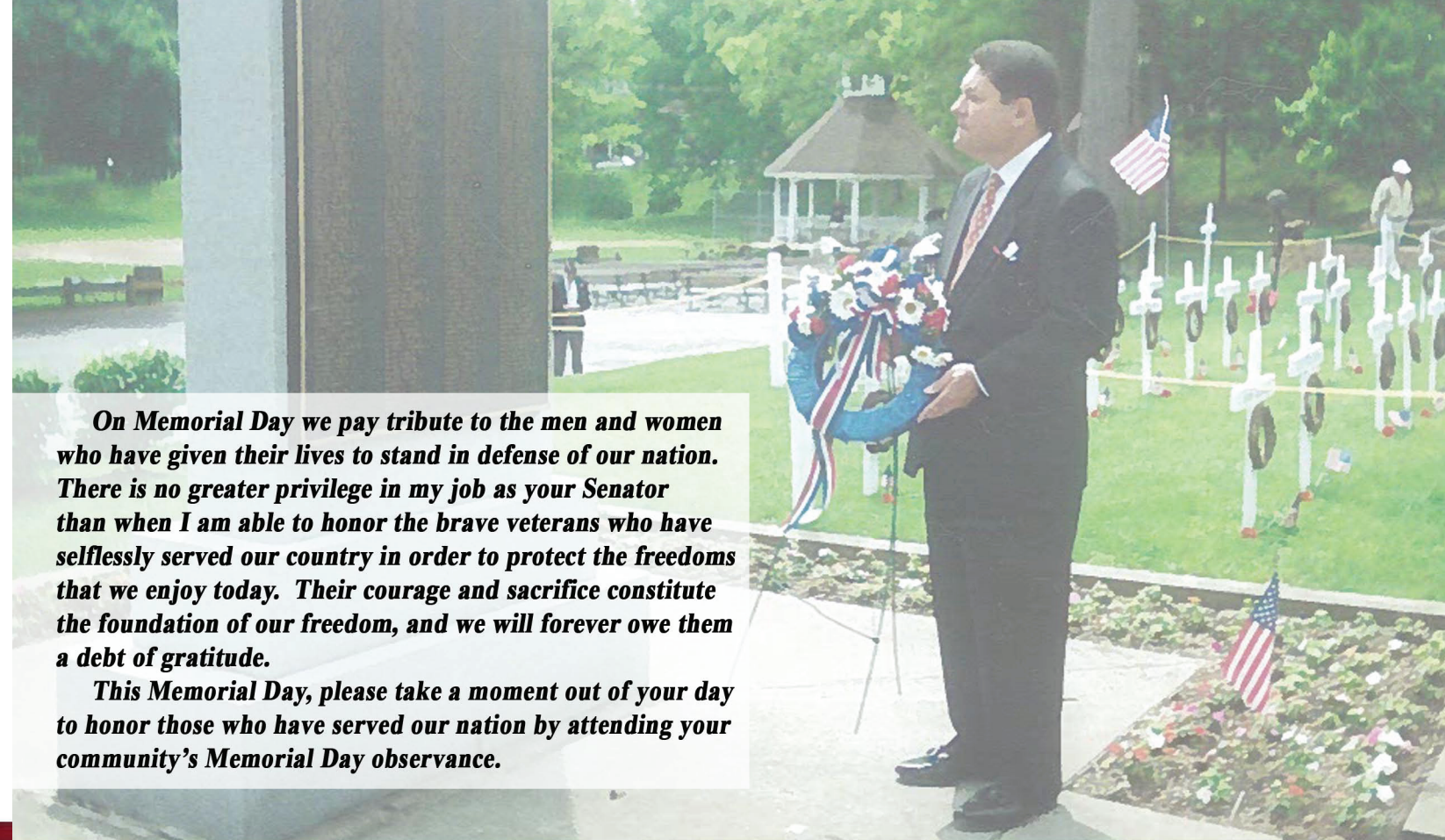
Dr. Culhane will join the late Ralph Chinelly of East Rochester (2005), Norbert Rappl of Irondequoit (2007), John Perrone of Penfield (2010), and Nick Verzella of East Rochester (2011) as members of the Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame nominated by Senator Alesi.



THE NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, located in Vails Gate, New York, commemorates the extraordinary sacrifices and selfless heroics of members of the United States military that have received the Purple Heart for being wounded or killed in action. Dating back to 1782, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in present use and the first award made available to the common soldier – since the Revolutionary War, more than 1.7 million Americans have received the Purple Heart. The Hall collects and preserves memories of Purple Heart recipients in the *Roll of Honor*, an interactive database in which visitors can learn about individual Purple Heart recipients by reading their stories and viewing their photographs. Enrollment in the *Roll of Honor* is voluntary and free of charge.

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On Memorial Day we pay tribute to the men and women who have given their lives to stand in defense of our nation. There is no greater privilege in my job as your Senator than when I am able to honor the brave veterans who have selflessly served our country in order to protect the freedoms that we enjoy today. Their courage and sacrifice constitute the foundation of our freedom, and we will forever owe them a debt of gratitude.

This Memorial Day, please take a moment out of your day to honor those who have served our nation by attending your community's Memorial Day observance.

OBSERVING MEMORIAL DAY 2012

Sunday, May 20th ~

Henrietta parade, 1:00 pm, Calkins Road

Friday, May 25th ~

United States Postal Service ceremony, 3:00 pm, Jefferson Road Post Office

Saturday, May 26th ~

East Rochester parade, 10:30 am, West Commercial Street and Main Street; ceremony following, Edmund Lyon Park

Sunday, May 27th ~

Irondequoit parade, 3:00 pm, Titus Avenue

Monday, May 28th ~

Chili parade, 8:00 am, Chili Avenue; name reading and picnic, 11:00 am, American Legion Post 1830

Churchville parade, 10:30 am, West Buffalo Street and North Main Street

Fairport parade, 10:00 am, Main Street; ceremony, hosted by VFW Post 8495, 11:00 am, Potter Park

Honeoye Falls Memorial Day Picnic, 12:00 pm, Rotary Park

Irondequoit flag-raising ceremony, 7:00 am, Town Hall; memorial service, 9:00 am, Irondequoit Cemetery

Penfield "Procession of Roses," 10:30 am, Veterans Memorial Park

Pittsford parade, 10:00 am, Monroe Avenue and North Main Street; service following, Pittsford Cemetery

City of Rochester parade, 10:30 am, East Avenue and Main Street

Rush parade, 9:30 am, East Henrietta Road; ceremony following, Pine Hill Cemetery

Scottsville parade, 9:30 am, Beckwith Avenue; ceremony following, American Legion Post 367

As a nation, America has never glorified war, but the American people have always honored our fallen heroes. America has always stood ready to fight for freedom and the American way of life, but we show our greatest strength through our prayers for peace.

THE AMERICAN FLAG



Our American Flag has long exemplified the spirit of those who lost their lives in battle, as well as those who have fought valiantly and survived. It stands for all our ancestors who have worked, saved, and sacrificed at home to raise their families in such a strong, free and prosperous land, and it stands for us.

To show respect to our American Flag and what it represents, all persons should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over their heart to salute the flag when it is passing in a parade, when it is hoisted or lowered in a ceremony, when the National Anthem is played and the flag is present, and during the Pledge of Allegiance.



First established by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, the American Flag today has 13 stripes – seven red and six white – to remind us of the 13 original colonies that fought for liberty, and 50 white stars – one for each state – on a blue field. It is the universal custom to display the American Flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstuffs on all days that weather permits. The flag should be flown especially on national and state holidays and other days that may be proclaimed by the President of the United States. **On Memorial Day, the American Flag should be flown at half-staff until noon, and then be raised to the peak.**

RETIRING AN AMERICAN FLAG

When an American Flag “is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display,” states the United States Flag Code, the flag “should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.” Many local veterans organizations, municipalities, and scouting troops in our area accept worn American Flags to ensure that each one is retired and disposed of in a respectful manner. Anyone who wishes to retire an American Flag for proper disposal may drop off their flag at my District Office during regular business hours: Monday—Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please call my office at (585) 223-1800 for further assistance.



NEW YORK STATE SENATE VETERANS' HALL OF FAME

RALPH L. CHINELLY (1926 ~2011)

Veterans' Hall of Fame Class of 2005

Ralph L. Chinelly was stationed at Thomas M. England Army Hospital in Atlantic City during World War II, caring for more than 7,000 paraplegics and amputees. After his military service, and despite his blindness, Mr. Chinelly dedicated himself to assisting his fellow veterans to obtain basic life necessities, like seeing eye dogs, walkers, canes and prescription medications. For his military and volunteer service, he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory medal, and the President's Gold Volunteer Service Award and the President's Lifetime Call to Service Award. Mr. Chinelly passed away on February 4, 2010. He was 84.



NORBERT J. RAPPL

Veterans' Hall of Fame Class of 2007

General Norbert J. Rappl was commissioned through the ROTC program at St. Bonaventure University in 1952. Following his tour of duty in Korea, he left the active army and joined the family business and Army Reserves. Following a series of command and staff positions in Upstate New York, he became commander of the 98th Division in 1981 and was promoted to Major General in 1982, the highest rank a reservist could attain at the time. The division commanded all Army Reserve units in Upstate New York, and had wartime assignments with active army divisions along the inter-German border during the Cold War. In 1987, after thirty-four years of service, General Rappl retired from the United States Army Reserves and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.



JOHN J. PERRONE

Veterans' Hall of Fame Class of 2010

Colonel John J. Perrone has almost thirty-five years of combined service in active duty and the reserves. In 2001, Colonel Perrone was selected to return to active duty as the Force Protection/Anti-Terrorism Chief of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah, responsible for developing plans, policies and procedures to protect American personnel and facilities. After the Olympic Games, Colonel Perrone was selected to be the Commander of the Joint Detainee Operations Group at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. As Commander, Colonel Perrone oversaw 1,200 soldiers conducting long-term detention operations that included receiving, securing and caring for over 600 suspected terrorists in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



NICK VERZELLA

Veterans' Hall of Fame Class of 2011

Nick Verzella is a longtime member of American Legion Post 1917 in East Rochester, and a perennial fixture as Master of Ceremonies for the village's Memorial Day observance. Mr. Verzella has been twice named Post 1917 Legionnaire of the year, and in 1997, was named Monroe County Legionnaire of the Year for his commitment to his fellow veterans. Mr. Verzella served in Europe during World War II, first in the 78th Infantry Division and later in the 16th Constabulary Squadron in occupation of Berlin. Returning home from Berlin, he graduated from SUNY Brockport, and began a distinguished, thirty-nine year career in public education in East Rochester schools, receiving numerous accolades for his years as a teacher, administrator and coach.

