



VETERANS

★★★ HALL OF FAME ★★★

ANDREW SWARTHOUT

Andrew Swarthout served in the United States Army with the 1st Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War. He achieved the rank of Specialist 4.

Mr. Swarthout served as a Combat Medic from 1965 to 1966, working with helicopter crews in major battles to rescue wounded soldiers and administer medical aid. He was at the Battle at Ia Drang, later made famous in the bestselling book *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young: Ia Drang – The Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam* and a subsequent major motion picture.

Mr. Swarthout is a highly-decorated veteran who is recognized for his service and bravery. He has earned numerous medals and commendations, including two recently awarded Bronze Star Medals (BSM), Vietnam Award of Gallantry, Combat Medical Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Service Medal, and New York State Conspicuous Service Cross.

Following his combat service in Vietnam, Mr. Swarthout returned home to Yates County, where he has long-played an integral role in serving his fellow veterans, local veterans' organizations, and his community at large.

A staunch advocate on behalf of veterans, his community service has included being a longstanding member and officer of the Johnson-Costello American Legion Post 355 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 745, and Captain of the American Legion/VFW Honor Guard, serving as Chairman. He also organized the Penn Yan Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Day ceremonies. He has served as the Grand Marshal and Master of Ceremonies for numerous local veterans observances, assisted in the Keuka College Veterans Day Ceremony, and organized hundreds of military funerals.

Mr. Swarthout received the "Legionnaire of the Year Award" from the New York State American Legion in 2018 and was also presented with a "Lifetime Membership Award" for his contributions to the Post and the needs of area veterans.

A resident of Yates County, Mr. Swarthout has devoted a lifetime of sacrifice and service to our Nation, to the State of New York, and to his community. He has always been guided by an abiding and deep-rooted commitment to the well-being of his fellow veterans and their families.



ANDREW SWARTHOUT WAS SELECTED AS A
2023 VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE BY
SENATOR THOMAS F. O'MARA.

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