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#### Senator PATRICIA CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK



One of my greatest honors as a New York State Senator is to recognize the men and women who have served with distinction in the United States Armed Forces.

Congratulations on your nomination to the 9th Senate District's 'Veterans Hall of Fame,'

which honors your extraordinary achievements in both military and civilian life. As the proud daughter of a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, I am eternally grateful for the commitment and sacrifice of our veterans and their families.

The proud Americans of the 9th District are indebted to you for your honorable service and outstanding contributions to our country, our state, and the communities we call home.

May God bless you, your family, and the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick

Senator, 9th District



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#### Senator PATRICIA CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK

Welcome Lieut. Patrick Mullaney, FDNY

USMC.

Nassau County Legislator, 4th District

Color Guard Girl Scout Troop 1080

Pledge of Girl Scout Troop 1080 **Allegiance** 

**National Anthem** Mr. Peter Rapanaro

Invocation Rabbi Levi Gurkov

Chabad of Oceanside

Welcome Address Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick

Remarks Commander Luke A. Magliaro Town of Hempstead Veterans from a

Services Officer fellow Veteran

Awards to Inductees

Presentation of Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick

Benediction Pastor Humberto Chavez, New York Race Track Chaplaincy,

Bridge Church

**Closing Remarks** Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick

Senator PATRICIA
CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK

# VETERANS HALL OF FAME NOMINEES



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## DOMINICK AMENDOLA NAVY

**Dominick Amendola** is a US Navy veteran with an excellent military record. Dominick graduated from Dobbs Ferry High School in 1965 and enlisted in the United States Navy immediately. After boot camp, Dominick was assigned to the USS Randolph (CVS 15) as a Machinist Mate at Naval Base Norfolk, Virginia, from 1965 to 1967.

Upon completing his tour of active-duty, Dominick returned to NY and entered the US Navy Active Reserves. He was stationed in Yonkers, NY from 1967 to 1969, leaving military service as Petty Officer 3rd Class (PO3).

Dominick returned to civilian life and worked as an appliance repairman for Frigidaire, eventually rising to the position of North East Regional Director before retiring. Dominick is still an active member of Lynbrook American Legion Post 335, where he contributes his time and skills to the veteran community while also serving as the Post's Adjutant.

Dominick is also a loving family man, married to his wife of 56 years, Lucrezia Amendola, with whom he has two daughters, Christina and Nicole, and a grandson, Jack.

Dominick's military service and sacrifices have been acknowledged with various awards, including the National Defense Service Medal. Petty Officer 3rd Class Dominick Amendola's service, dedication, and sacrifices make him a deserving candidate for the Veterans Hall of Fame. His commitment to his country, both in and out of uniform, exemplifies the values of courage, resilience, and service that this recognition seeks to highlight.

NOMINATED BY

ANTHONY SAMUEL

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## GEORGE CATALANOTTO ARMY

**George Catalanotto** is a distinguished U.S. Army veteran who served 13 months in Vietnam as a combat engineer. His time in one of America's most challenging conflicts shaped a lifelong commitment to education, remembrance, and service to his fellow veterans.

Following his military service, George became a tireless advocate for veterans across Nassau County. A proud member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 145 and VFW Post 1790 in Valley Stream, he has dedicated countless hours to ensuring that veterans receive the benefits, care, and recognition they have earned. As treasurer of the DAV, he has played a key role in organizing programs that provide housing for homeless veterans, assisting widows with flag ceremonies, securing special-needs aid for disabled veterans, and raising funds for service canines and other critical initiatives.

Beyond his administrative and advocacy work, George has become a beloved educator and community figure. He regularly visits classrooms with his "starspangled box" of original combat gear, offering interactive presentations that bring history and military service to life for students. His compassionate, engaging approach helps young people understand the meaning of sacrifice, patriotism, and gratitude.

In every endeavor, George embodies the values of loyalty, dedication, and selflessness. His unwavering commitment to uplifting veterans and educating the next generation has earned him deep respect throughout the community. In recognition of his decades of service, compassion, and leadership, George Catalanotto was honored as the *Herald's* **2022 Person of the Year**—a fitting tribute to a man who has devoted his life to remembering and serving those who served our nation.

NOMINATED BY

MAYOR EDWIN FARE

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Senator PATRICIA
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## JEROME LEONARD "LEN" GOLDSTEIN MARINE CORPS

**Jerome Leonard "Len" Goldstein** is a lifelong Nassau County resident who grew up in Lawrence and moved to Lynbrook in 1978. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in May 1960, serving with the 3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and later overseas with the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was honorably discharged in May 1964.

Len has been an active member of the Marine Corps League since 1985, serving the Western Long Island Detachment as Judge Advocate, Junior and Senior Vice, and Commandant—holding the Commandant role multiple times from 1991 through 2020. He currently serves as Adjutant/Paymaster and produces the monthly veterans affairs newsletter.

Elected Commandant of Long Island in 1998 and again in 2006, Len represented the region at state meetings and conventions while coordinating Honorary Firing Details for the Long Island National Cemetery.

Joining the United Veterans Organization (UVO) in 1991, he was elected President in 1996 and helped preserve "Veterans Memorial" in the Nassau Coliseum's title. He also led efforts to fund a medical bed for the Homeless Veterans Shelter at Northport VAMC. Since 2001, he has taught in the UVO Flag Education Program for students and has served as the organization's Secretary for 28 years.

In Lynbrook, Len has been an American Legion Post 335 member for 17 years, serving as Chaplain and participating in memorial ceremonies and veteran support drives. He helped bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to Lynbrook in 2010, assisted with "Stand Down" events for homeless veterans, and continues to support local and national veteran initiatives.

Currently, Len serves as President of the New York Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association, overseeing charitable donations to organizations aiding wounded service members and veterans.

NOMINATED BY

**WILLIAM P. MARINACCIO** 

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## PETER J. HERZICH

Peter J. Herzich served as a Corporal in the United States Army from September 1951 to August 1953, during the Korean War. After his military service, he returned home and dedicated himself to serving his community as a Malverne Cub Scout Den Leader, a CCD instructor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and a weekly volunteer driver, transporting members of the blind community to social gatherings. Today, Peter is an avid e-book reader who especially enjoys mystery novels.

Peter's active roles in serving our nation and his community have made him a remarkable role model and mentor for our future generations.

NOMINATED BY
MARY HERZICH

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Senator PATRICIA
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#### KEVIN HILL NAVY

**Kevin Hill** is a retired combat veteran who served 30 years in the United States Navy. His distinguished career included deployments to Beirut, Algiers, Lebanon, the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Guantanamo Bay. He served in Iraq with the U.S. 3rd Army Law and Order Detachment from 2006–2007 and was on duty in New York City during the September 11th attacks. For his service, he was awarded the Defense Liberty Medal.

A proud St. John's University alumnus, Commander Hill earned both his B.S. and M.P.S. in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security in 2019 and is currently completing his Doctorate in Homeland Security.

Continuing his lifelong commitment to service, he now works as the Textile Care Manager for VISN 2 NYC Harbor, overseeing laundry and textile operations for nine VA hospitals across the region—two in New Jersey, two upstate, and five across Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Suffolk County. In this role, he leads teams, manages health and safety risk assessments, and ensures quality standards for thousands of veterans.

As Commander of VFW Post 1790 in Valley Stream, Commander Hill has provided vital support to troops, veterans, and their families through financial aid, care packages, morale visits, and community outreach. Under his leadership, the Post has partnered with local nonprofits to combat homelessness, hunger, and illness.

Most recently, VFW Post 1790 hosted its first Women Veteran Service Day, offering a space for women veterans to share their experiences and connect with clinicians and service providers for mental health and wellness resources. Commander Hill plans to make this an annual event, reflecting his continued commitment to honoring and supporting all who have served.

NOMINATED BY

**LUKE MAGLIARO** 



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## JAMES LAMBERT NAVY

James Lambert proudly served his country in the United States Navy from October 1966 to October 1969, following in the footsteps of his grandfather and continuing a proud family tradition of military service. As a Gunner's Mate aboard the USS Princeton (LPH-5.), one of the most remarkable moments in his service came in 1969, when the USS Princeton was selected to support NASA's space program by participating in the recovery of the Apollo 10 astronauts after their historic mission. Being part of that mission connected James not only to military history, but to the story of human exploration itself.

James's time in the Navy reflected the values of duty, discipline, and honor. Serving during the height of the Cold War and amidst the tensions of the Vietnam era, he performed his responsibilities with courage and commitment, building bonds with his shipmates that would last a lifetime.

But perhaps James's greatest role has been that of a devoted father and grandfather. A wonderful dad to his three daughters, James has always been there — with steady guidance, support, and unconditional love. His strength, kindness, and presence have extended to his five grandchildren, who adore him and continue to learn from his example.

After his service, James carried the same integrity and loyalty into his civilian life, building a legacy rooted not only in military service but in family, love, and quiet strength. His story stands as a tribute to the everyday heroes whose contributions may not always make the headlines, but who shape the world in powerful, lasting ways — both at sea and at home.

NOMINATED BY

**CORTNEY MUELLER** 



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Senator PATRICIA
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## RALPH LAMBIASE, SR. NAVY

Ralph Lambiase Sr. has dedicated his life to service, both in the military and in law enforcement. He served in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1965, earning an Honorable Discharge, and continued his commitment as part of the Inactive Reserves from 1966 to 1968. Ralph further served his community as a member of the National Guard from 1975 to 1980, achieving the rank of E-7 Platoon Sergeant, where he demonstrated true dedication to his fellow service members.

Following his military career, Ralph devoted twenty years (1969–1989) to protecting and serving the people of New York City as an officer with the NYPD. Throughout his military and law enforcement service, Ralph's commitment to duty, leadership, and the well-being of others has been unwavering, reflecting a lifelong dedication to community and country.

NOMINATED BY

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Senator PATRICIA
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## LOUIS LANZILLOTTA, SR. ARMY

Louis Lanzillotta Sr. was raised in Inwood. As a young man, Lou joined the Army, where he served his country in Germany in the transportation division from 1953-1955 as a Private First Class. After service, he married the love of his life, Anita, and made the decision to serve his country on the community level by joining the Nassau County Police Department. Lou worked in the Fourth Precinct for 35 years, embracing his passion for helping others. As a full time police officer and father of three, Lou remained incredibly involved in his neighborhood.

Lou coached and mentored hundreds of young athletes in the Inwood Buccaneers and Cedarhurst Little League. The discipline and dedication Lou learned from his experience in the Army, among countless other lessons, have acted as a guiding light since his discharge 70 years ago. At 92 years old, Lou remains an active member of the Inwood VFW Post 1582. Lou has assumed many roles in his life, but "veteran" is one that he (and his family) are most proud of.

NOMINATED BY
JULIA LANZILLOTTA



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Senator PATRICIA
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#### MARIANELA LIZANA-PLAZA MARINE CORPS

Marianela Lizana-Plaza serves as Commander of American Legion Lawrence-Cedarhurst Post 339, where she leads efforts to support veterans and strengthen community engagement. In addition to her leadership within the Legion, she is employed by the Lawrence School District, where her dedication to service and education extends to the next generation.

For the past five years, Marianela has been an active volunteer at the Veteran Farmers Market, assisting senior and at-risk veterans by ensuring they have access to fresh produce, essential goods, and community resources. Her compassion and hands-on involvement have made her a trusted advocate for local veterans in need.

Beyond her work with the veteran community, Marianela also dedicates her time to serving at-risk families in the area, organizing Thanksgiving meals and coordinating holiday gifting programs for children and adults. Through her consistent volunteerism and leadership, she continues to embody the spirit of service and commitment to others that defines both her military and civilian life.

NOMINATED BY

SYD MANDELBAUM



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Senator PATRICIA
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## LEONARD "LENNY" LEVINE ARMY

**Leonard "Lenny" Levine** joined the Army in 1953 and served his country during the Korean War. At the end of conflict in 1955, he returned home to Brooklyn and began his studies at Juilliard School to study the clarinet. After years playing the clarinet, he decided to pivot and become a music teacher, making an impact on students in New York City schools and in the Oceanside School District.

Although he hung up his uniform, Lenny is still active in veterans affairs. He has served as a chaplain for the Oceanside Jewish War Veterans post and as a member of the Oceanside Interfaith Council, where he represented the Jewish War Veterans. At 90 years old, Lenny is also active in the Oceanside community, where he was most recently honored by the Oceanside High School Patriots Club at one of the Sailors' football games.

He and his wife, Sandy, have been residents of Oceanside since 1969, where they have raised two children and continue to see their family grow with their five grandchildren.

NOMINATED BY

**LEONARD MANCUSO** 



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Senator PATRICIA
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## DAVID MARSHALL ARMY

**David Marshall** was drafted into the Army in 1943. He trained to be a field medic and then an engineer, which led him to join the 84th Infantry Division. Five months after the D-Day invasion of Normandy, he found himself landing on Omaha Beach where he would begin his 170 days of service in combat. Marshall and his division fought back German advances in sub-zero temperatures as combatants in the Battle of the Bulge. He and his comrades continued pushing back the Germans as they liberated occupied towns, slave labor camps, and concentration camps.

After the war, David attended City College where he studied chemistry and eventually went on to run a business that designed machinery for cosmetics companies. He married his wife Terry in 1949, and they have two daughters, Mona and Randy, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. David is a member of the Oceanside Jewish War Veterans Post 717.

Although his original return from war did not come with the honor and celebration it should have, we are proud to continue to honor David for his service and sacrifice today.

NOMINATED BY

**LEONARD MANCUSO** 



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## FRANK MORIZIO JR. MARINE CORPS

**Frank Morizio Jr.** answered the call, enlisting in the Marine Corps as Desert Shield became Desert Storm and serving honorably on active duty as an Air Traffic Control Radar Technician from January 1991 through January 1996. He later served from 97-98 with the reserve unit 2/25 in Garden City where he was promoted to SSgt. The leadership, mission-focus, and resilience he honed in uniform have served as the bedrock for his post-service life.

Transitioning from military service to a civilian career is never easy, but Frank has navigated that path with purpose. At every stage, his work has reflected the same drive for excellence with a service first attitude. Whether it's mentoring younger professionals, contributing to strategic projects, or shaping organizational vision, he brings a veteran's mindset: mission-first, team always, leave no one behind.

Frank hasn't just built a career — he's built community. He's volunteered time, energy, and resources to causes supporting veterans, local organizations, and civic initiatives across New York State. He has served on non-profit boards for over 25 years and had been the Chairman of two large public charities for over 12 years combined. Since 2017, he has been President of Marines of New York, Inc. MNY is a morale and welfare organization that exists to improve the lives of our Veterans. They promote camaraderie and esprit de corps through a large online community with thousands of members as well as in-person events in and around the New York City area. His work helps transition veterans, support families, and preserve the sacred bond between citizen and country.

Frank is the living proof that military service doesn't end when the uniform comes off. His legacy is built every day through service — in boardrooms, community meetings, mentorship, and outreach. He lives the Marine values: honor, courage, commitment — in business and in life.

NOMINATED BY

**DAVID A. BATAN** 



**★★★ HALL OF FAME ★★★** 

Senator PATRICIA
CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK



## SAMUEL "SAMMY" PLAUT MARINE CORPS

Samuel "Sammy" Plaut has been a man of strength, character, and service since the day he was born. Raised in a family that lives public duty—his father a trustee in the Village of Cedarhurst and his mother an educator and vice president of the local school board—Sammy learned early what it means to show up for others.

A true gentleman with both physical presence and an exceptionally high IQ, he chose to serve his country, first as a volunteer fireman with the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department and then in the United States Marine Corps, where he excelled in military intelligence and rose to the rank of Sergeant before receiving an honorable discharge. Grounded, loyal, and resilient, Sammy continues to embody the values of integrity, strength, and lifelong service to community.

NOMINATED BY

ASSEMBLYMAN ARI BROWN



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Senator PATRICIA
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## ELEANOR RIZZUTO ARMY

**Eleanor Rizzuto** is a World War II veteran and a lifelong nurse whose dedication to service exemplifies courage, compassion and resilience. Eleanor began her nursing training in 1939 in Brooklyn at King's County Hospital School of Nursing. In 1942, she enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a bedside nurse in North Africa and Italy, providing care and comfort to soldiers on the battlefield. During her three years of service, she tended to the wounded, often being the last comforting presence for those who did not survive their injuries.

Eleanor's wartime service was marked by bravery and selflessness, supporting both soldiers and doctors through the emotional and physical tolls of combat. Her contributions embody the humanity and duty of medical personnel in the most challenging circumstances, earning her recognition as one of the "angels of the battlefield."

Following the war, Eleanor continued to exemplify resilience and dedication to others. Today, she is celebrated not only for her military service, but also for her enduring spirit and the lasting impact she has made on those around her.

NOMINATED BY

SENATOR PATRICIA
CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK



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Senator PATRICIA
CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK



#### NICHOLAS SANTORA

(NOVEMBER 19, 1942 - JULY 13, 2022)

#### **MARINE CORPS**

Nicholas Santora proudly entered the United States Marine Corps in 1961 at just 17 years old, leaving high school early with a deep sense of duty to serve his country. He completed boot camp at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he was assigned to construct office spaces for senior officers. Due to his exceptional score on the Marine Corps Vocational Aptitude Battery Exam, Nick was among a select few entrusted with testing bulk fuel levels on helicopters and trucks—a testament to his skill, intelligence, and reliability.

During his service as a Lance Corporal, Nick was stationed overseas in Okinawa, Japan, and also served aboard ship in the Mediterranean Sea. Nick was an M-14 Rifle Marksman and received a Good Conduct Medal First Award. He was honorably discharged in 1965 and returned home to The Five Towns on Long Island, where he was raised.

Nick continued his life of service as a member of the Local 45 Carpenters Union, helping to build numerous stores and malls that are still frequented by Long Islanders today. He also dedicated over 50 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Hewlett Fire Department—another reflection of his unwavering commitment to his community.

In later years, Nick battled health issues stemming from exposure to toxic water at Camp Lejeune. These illnesses ultimately led to his passing in 2022. His courage and resilience in facing these challenges were in keeping with the strength he demonstrated throughout his life.

Nicholas Santora was a proud American, a devoted Marine, and a true patriot. He lived a life of service, honor, and integrity—and his legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the structures he built, and the community he protected. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

NOMINATED BY

KRISTINE SANTORA FRANKS

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Senator PATRICIA
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#### RONALD "RON" SORRENTINO

**Ronald "Ron" Sorrentino** enlisted in the United States Navy after graduating college in 1970. Following Basic Training, he completed Basic Electrical "A" School and Advanced Electronics Repeater Systems Training. He was then assigned to the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN-65) as an Electronics Technician Radar Petty Officer, responsible for maintaining the ship's electrical distribution systems.

In 1971, the Enterprise began the first of three West-Pac tours in the waters off Vietnam, including Operation Linebacker in Haiphong Harbor. During a later deployment, the ship aided in disaster relief in Mauritius after Typhoon Gervaise, restoring power across the island. In 1975, the Enterprise returned for Operations Baby Lift, Frequent Wind, and Eagle Pull, supporting the evacuation of Saigon, the final U.S. military operations of the Vietnam War. Rising to Electronics Technician Radar First Class, Ron completed six years of active duty, earning numerous commendations, including the Vietnam Service Medal (3 awards), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Humanitarian Service Medal (3 awards), and multiple Unit Commendations.

While still on active duty, Ron joined VFW Post 1582 (Inwood) in 1972, later serving as Post Commander (2014–2016) and County Commander (2020–2021). He currently serves as District 10 Commander, State Community Service Chairman, and State Service Officer Program Chairman, helping secure over \$20,000 annually for veterans' benefits. A certified Veterans Service Officer, Ron volunteers his time assisting veterans with claims and benefits.

Active in his community, Ron serves as Treasurer and Board Director of the Inwood Veterans Association, is a Knights of Columbus member, and a 30-year veteran of the Inwood Fire Department. His dedication has earned him the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, and 4th Congressional District Veterans Service Awards.

NOMINATED BY

**LUKE MAGLIARO** 

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Senator PATRICIA
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#### ERIC SPINNER ARMY

**Eric Spinner** grew up in Brooklyn before moving to Valley Stream where he attended Valley Stream South Jr. and Sr. High School. After high school, he attended NYC Community College to study Graphic Arts and Advertising Technology.

In 1965, Eric joined the New York Army Reserve National Guard. He attended Basic Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia and attended Advanced Training as a Counter-Artillery Radar Operator at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It was there where he attained the rank of Sp-5 before being honorably discharged in July 1971.

After his service, Eric returned to New York where he worked as a shop teacher in New York City high schools, Assistant Director for Virtual Enterprises International, and a small business owner. He has continued to stay involved in the Veteran community through his membership with the American Legion Posts 1033 and 144, Elmont Legion Riders, Vietnam War Veterans Association of Nassau County, Nassau County Legion, Jewish War Veterans Post 652, United Veterans Organization of Nassau County, and Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization.

NOMINATED BY

**LEONARD MANCUSO** 



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Senator PATRICIA
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## THOMAS "TOM" TATOR MARINE CORPS

**Thomas "Tom" Tator** served honorably in the United States Marine Corps for four years, where he was stationed in Syria, Africa, and other undisclosed locations in support of U.S. missions abroad. During his service, Tom distinguished himself by providing critical care to his fellow Marines in challenging and often dangerous environments. It was through this experience that he discovered his passion for medicine and helping others.

After completing his military service, Tom returned home to New York determined to continue serving in a new capacity. Utilizing the "Yellow Ribbon Program," he enrolled at Adelphi University, where he pursued a degree in nursing. His dedication, discipline, and compassion—traits refined through military service—helped him excel both academically and personally.

Upon earning his nursing degree, Tom began his professional career at Glen Cove Hospital, where he now serves as a registered nurse. His commitment to his patients and fellow healthcare professionals has made him a valued member of the medical community.

NOMINATED BY

**DONNA AND DOUGLAS FECHT** 



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Senator PATRICIA
CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK



JOHN F. WEISS (APRIL 21, 1921 - JUNE 25, 2011)

**ARMY** 

John Francis Weiss from Greenpoint, Brooklyn joined the US Army Reserves in 1938. At the outbreak of WWII, he was called up to active duty and assigned overseas to Molokai, Hawaii in the Quartermaster Corps. He later enrolled in Officer Candidate School and was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His first command was in Puerto Rico where he led and trained troops preparing for deployment.

At the end of WWII, he remained in the US Army Reserves reporting for stateside duty during the Korean conflict. He retired as a 1st Lieutenant following that service.

In 1948, Lieutenant Weiss was married and he and his wife, Eileen, settled in Elmont, New York where they raised six children, Mary Ellen, Anne, Barbara, John, Regina, and Eileen. He continued a path of service volunteering for many civic organizations as well as at St. Boniface Parish until he retired to Florida in 1993.

In Florida, Lieutenant Weiss remained active in local veterans' affairs and events. He passed away in 2011 and is interred in the Florida National Cemetery.

NOMINATED BY

**SHANNON FREDERICKS** 

