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## **SENATOR ANTONACCI HONORS SERGEANT HOWARD ROSE.**

### **THE VIETNAM VETERAN ENTERS THE NYS SENATE VETERANS' HALL OF FAME**

Senator Robert E. Antonacci II (R-I-C, Syracuse) is pleased to announce Sergeant Howard Rose has entered the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame. The New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life. Each honoree was recognized at an awards ceremony, May 21st, in the Legislative Office Building in Albany proclaiming the special contributions of each New York State Senate Veteran.

Sergeant Rose was drafted into the United States Army in June 1968. He grew up in Fulton, New York where he graduated from G. Ray Bodley High School in 1966. Just two years later, he was drafted into the Army during Vietnam. While in the Army, Sergeant Rose trained as a light weapons infantryman. While serving, Sergeant Rose was also an infantryman who pursued the enemy.

During his service, Sergeant Rose served in Charlie Company, 1st of the Fourteenth, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. He was sent to Division Headquarters to be a combat artist for his last three months of service. Through his military service, Sergeant Rose earned a Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Rifleman, Commendation Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Sergeant Rose was discharged from the Army in 1970 and then graduated from the State University of New York at Oswego in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts. Post College, Sergeant Rose was a City Firefighter for 20 years in Fulton from which he retired in 1998.

He also taught in the Fulton School District, the YMCA, Catholic youth organization and eventually started his own sign company which he had for 40 years until it was sold due to his Agent Orange diagnosis. Sergeant Rose also served as a Town of Volney Councilman from 1989-1993 and then served as their Town Supervisor from 1994-1995.

Sergeant Rose currently lives in Baldwinsville, New York with his wife of 38 years, Christine, and they have four children.

“Sergeant Howard Rose has served this great Country and great State with honor. I was extremely proud to nominate Sergeant Howard Rose as a member of the New York State Senate Veterans’ Hall of Fame for the 50<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District,” said Senator Antonacci.

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