

NEW YORK STATE SENATE  
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VETERANS' HALL OF FAME



**GERARD PLACIDE**

Gerard Placide is an acclaimed singer, community leader, and veteran from Brooklyn, New York, originally hailing from Trinidad and Tobago. He served as a soldier in the United States Army 3rd Infantry Division at Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

Mr. Placide has had the privilege of singing for the Queen of England in London, President of the United Nations 57th General Assembly, His Excellency Julian Robert Hunte, then-Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Senator John McCain, and Former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama.

Mr. Placide has valiantly served not only his country, but also New York State, the City Council and his community, working on community-related projects and singing at key engagements. Mr. Placide also had the privilege of performing for former New York City Mayors Rudolph Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg.

Mr. Placide has received numerous awards, proclamations and commendations from world leaders, not just for his singing, but also for advocating for cross-cultural integration and immigration reform in the United States. He was the first Caribbean national to win the acclaimed title of the McDonald's Gospel Soloist Award, and has received awards and proclamations from the U.S. Army and U.S. Congressman Hank Johnson.



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BY SENATOR ZELLNOR Y. MYRIE**

