



# *Women of* DISTINCTION

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## HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

*Loretta Z. Weiss*

Loretta Z. Weiss had great responsibilities at a time when women were not looked at with high regard. In a profession dominated by men, Ms. Weiss fought for her country and equal rights. She joined the United States Army at 20 years old, beginning her career as a mail clerk in Bloomfield, Illinois, in August 1942.

Ms. Weiss worked her way up to Supply Sergeant for the entire base, eventually becoming a Physical Training Sergeant for the marching unit. She was honorably discharged in 1945, and returned to serve in the Korean War and in Vietnam from September 1950, until her subsequent discharge in February 1975.

Ms. Weiss justly earned numerous commendations, ribbons, certificates of appreciation and medals, including the National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster World War II Victory Medal; the Good Conduct Medal with Silver Clasp-3 loops; the Army Commendation Medal with 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster; the Army Occupation Medal (Germany); the American Campaign Ribbon; and finally, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps Service Ribbon.

Since her discharge, Ms. Weiss has continued to serve her country and remains involved in many veterans organizations, including: the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the American Legion - Executive Member; the Disabled American Veterans; and the Jewish War Veterans.

Ms. Weiss has been active with local political organizations in an effort to help make people aware of veterans' issues, including the Holly Civic Association and the Democratic Organization of Flushing. She has been a highly valued member in the community, and has served two terms as State Democratic Committee person for her district.

In May 2008, Ms. Weiss was chosen to be the Grand Marshal for the Whitestone VFW Parade, one of the proudest moments of her life. She will continue to participate in these organizations and groups that share her love of her country.

Ms. Weiss will be turning 100 on June 2, 2019.

***Loretta Z. Weiss was selected as a  
2019 Woman of Distinction honoree by Senator John C. Liu.***

