



VETERANS

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TOM BUONO

Tom Buono was born and raised in Utica, New York. He served in the United States Army with the 21st Signal & Aviation group in Vietnam, ending his tour there as a Specialist 4. Following the completion of his tour in Vietnam, he served with the U.S. Army National Guard. He also was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 38 years and was president of the American Postal Workers Union for 33 years.

Mr. Buono has been active in various veteran's organizations. He is currently president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 944, quartermaster of VFW Post 6001, chaplain of Masonic War Veterans Post 55, chairman of the Captain George A. Wood Post Office Veterans Committee and chairman of the Veterans Cemetery Committee, which is working to locate a New York State Veterans Cemetery in Oneida County. He also is a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 82, American Legion Post 1376, AMVETS, Voiture 92 40/8, the Parkway Center Veterans Committee and U.S. Rep. Anthony Brindisi's Veterans Advisory Council.

As Chairman of the Post Office Veterans Committee, Mr. Buono assisted with efforts to name the Utica Post Office the "Captain George A. Wood Post Office." The committee also constructed an All-Veterans Monument and a Gold Star Mothers Monument at the post office, which included an engraved pavers walkway to honor all veterans.

As President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 944, Mr. Buono played an important role in the renaming of Route 49 between Utica and Rome as the "Oneida County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway." He also has helped and worked closely with the Gold Star Families of the American Gold Star Mothers Chapter 56 and assisted veterans with numerous Honor Flights to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Buono and his wife, Elaine, live in Utica. They have three children and six grandchildren.



TOM BUONO WAS SELECTED AS
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