

BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
2012

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Special thanks to:

Brian Vojtisek,
Broome County Veterans Service Agency

Honor Guard

Broome County Print Shop

and all of Broome County's Veterans

"Freedom Isn't Free"

PROGRAM

Welcome

Honor Guard will advance and post the Colors

Pledge of Allegiance: Legislator and Veteran
David Jensen

Invocation: Legislator and Veteran Michael Schafer

Introduction: Jerry F. Marinich, Chairman,
Broome County Legislature

2012 Veterans of Distinction Appreciation with
Legislator and Veteran Joseph Merrill

Honor Guard will advance and retire the Colors

Reception

Award Recipient: James Zimmer

Nominated by: Richard Murphy, American Legion Post 80 and the J. W. Thurston Marine Corps League Detachment #250

Military Service: United States Marine Corps

Recognition: Service in Vietnam 1969; Purple Heart; Senior Vice Commandant, Marine Corps League; nominated for the 2011 Marine of the Year in the John W. Thurston Detachment #250; Active volunteer.

Legislator: Mark Whalen

Award Recipient: Benjamin Margolius

Nominated by: Albert Eaton, President Southern Tier Veterans Support Group (Representing Mr. Eaton tonight is Mr. Thomas Crowley)

Military Service: United States Army (1963-1991)

Recognition: Vietnam (1966-1967 & 1970-1971); Operation Desert Storm; Vice President and Member, Board of the Southern Tier Veterans Support Group, Inc.; Former President and current 2nd Vice President of the Southern Tier Chapter Military Officers Association of America; 1st Vice President of the Military Officers Association of America NYS Council of Chapters.

Legislator: Daniel J. Reynolds

Award Recipient: Brian Pattwell

Nominated by: American Legion Post 1194

Military Service: United States Army (1985-2011)

Recognition: 26 commissioned years of service including training in Adjutant General, Signal, Chemical Corps, Field Artillery & Personnel; multiple Meritorious Service Awards, Commendation Medals & Achievement Medals; Platoon Leader – Engineering Battalion.

Legislator: Jerry F. Marinich

Award Recipient: J. Matthew Barcak

Nominated by: Joseph Merrill

Military Service: United States Army (2002-2009)

Recognition: Iraq (2005) Military Intelligence Battalion; Afghanistan (2008) Delta Co., 2nd/108th Infantry; Six Army Commendation/Achievement Medals; Combat Action Badge.

Legislator: Michael Schafer

Award Recipient: Charles Duvall

Nominated by: Edward Arnold, Past Commander Post 82

Military Service: United States Army (1979-1997)

Recognition: Service in Kuwait (1990-1991), two Kuwait Liberation Medals, six Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal w/3 Bronze Service Stars, Past Commander Post 82.

Legislator: John Black

Award Recipient: Barbara Beebe

Nominated by: James Baumgartner

Military Service: United States Air Force (1962-1964)

Recognition: Vice Commander American Legion Post 1700; Past Commander American Legion Post 1700; Past Broome County Commander; Current American Legion Vice Commander 6th District; Current Chaplin for Broome County American Legion; From 'meals-on-wheels' to assisting veterans in Bath and Oxford, Barbara has volunteered thousands of hours helping veterans and others.

Legislator: David Jensen

Award Recipient: Robert Haynes

Nominated by: Joseph Irons, Commander American Legion Post 1700

Military Service: U.S. Marine Corps (1967-73)

Recognition: Service in Vietnam, 1969-1970; Combat Infantry Badge; Good Conduct Medal; Army Meritorious Citation; Post 1700 Board Member; Member of Honor Guard.

Legislator: Michael Schafer

Award Recipient: Thomas Porpora

Nominated by: Kenneth Darling, Commander American Legion Post 757

Military Service: United States Navy (1965-1971)

Recognition: Vietnam Era Pin; American Legion Post 757 Leader for Fund Raising to support Fly Fishing for "Wounded Warriors" and to send students to "Boys State"; Member Funeral Honor Guard and Post Color Guard; Countless hours of volunteered time to help veterans.

Legislator: Stephen Herz

Award Recipient: Ray Beebe

Nominated by: Robert Wood, Adjutant, 1st Vice Commander American Legion Post 1700

Military Service: United States Air Force (1958-1984)

Recognition: 2 yrs. Broome County Commander; 3rd Vice Commander American Legion Post 1700; Military Air Command assigned to team maintaining the President's Air Force One; At Guantanamo Bay, Cuba during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis; Has donated thousands of volunteer hours and raised thousands of dollars especially for 204th Family Readiness Group.

Legislator: David Jensen

Award Recipient: Fred Elston (deceased)

Accepting: Janet Elston

Nominated by: Robert Gardner, Adjutant American Legion Post 974

Military Service: United States Navy

Recognition: World War II; South Pacific, Philippines /Guam; Served on aircraft carrier Lexington; Past Commander Post 974; Past District 6 Vice Commander; Past County Commander Broome County American Legion.

Legislator: Ronald Keibel

Award Recipient: Larry Holdredge

Nominated by: Kenneth Joseck, Chairman of the Board Vietnam Veterans of America #896

Military Service: United States Army

Recognition: Vietnam (1969-1970) Army Commendation Medal; Current President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 896; Life Member Disabled American Veterans; Always willing to extend himself to help another veteran.

Legislator: Matthew J. Pasquale

Award Recipient: Troy Arno

Nominated by: Ron Heebner

Military Service: United States Army (1991-1995)

Recognition: Army Commendation Medal; Joint Meritorious Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Infantry Combat Against Al Qaeda in Somalia.

Legislator: Ron Heebner

Award Recipient: John Czuhanich

Nominated by: Albert Rood, Past Commander & Current Chaplin J. W. Thurston Marine Corps League Detachment #250

Military Service: United States Marine Corps (1943-1947)

Recognition: WWII in the South Pacific; Two Purple Hearts; Life Member American Legion Post 82; Life Member Veterans of Foreign Wars #1449; Life Member Marine Corps League; Officer In Charge Marine Corp League; Officer In Charge Broome County Veterans Memorial Association; Coordinated military funerals for veterans for 5 years; Participated in over 2,500 funerals.

Legislator: David Jensen

Award Recipient: James Dean

Nominated by: Robert Potter, Jr., President of the Organization of Vietnam Veterans

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1966)

Recognition: Service in Vietnam; 1st Infantry Division LRRP Team Member; Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart; 2 Army Commendation Medals with Valor Device and Oak Leaf Cluster; Co-founder and Past President of Organization of Vietnam Veterans; Member Veterans of Foreign Wars #1449, American Legion #974 and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Legislator: Ronald Keibel

Award Recipient: Abel Mendes

Nominated by: James Harris, Adjutant American Legion Post 1305

Military Service: United States Army (1967-1970)

Recognition: Served in Vietnam; Two Bronze Stars; Three Air Medals 1st Air Cavalry Reconnaissance; Vice Commander American Legion Post 1305; Prior Trustee and Current Member Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 478; Always volunteers to help other veterans.

Legislator: Michael Sopchak

Award Recipient: David Ballard

Nominated by: Stephen Herz

Military Service: United States Army (1968-1970)

Recognition: Commendation for LOGEX 69 with U. S. Forces Korea; Service Operations with the 22nd FASCOM, Special Troops for the XVIII Airborne Corps; Service during TET69-Operation Sanctuary Counteroffensive; National Agency Secret Clearance for SOG operations; Member American Legion Post 1645; Life Member & Trustee for Disabled American Veterans Chapter 60.

Legislator: Stephen Herz

Award Recipient: Anthony Giordani

Nominated by: American Legion Post 80; David Snitchler, Broome County Adjutant

Military Service: U.S. Air Force 1961-1965

Recognition: Past Commander American Legion Post 80; Service in Aircraft Radar Maintenance; Described as the 'go to' member of Post 80 whenever something needs to get done.

Legislator: Mark Whalen